

# ALL-OUT WAR IN PALESTINE

## Arabs And Jews Prepare For Flare-Up

### Australia's Contribution

Canberra, May 13. Australia contributed the equivalent of US\$12,500,000 to the Empire dollar pool in the nine months ended March 31, it was disclosed today.

The gold exports amounted to 355,000 ounces and Australia is sending all current gold production to Britain to help meet the dollar crisis.

But gold production in March continued to slump. Sixty-five thousand fine ounces were produced—eight per cent less than March, 1947.—Reuter.

### River Steamers Price War

"Cut-throat" competition among the shipping companies with boats plying between Hong Kong and Canton and Hong Kong and Macao has resulted in the companies getting together and agreeing on a uniform rate for freight.

With the exception of the China Steamship Navigation Company, which operates the s.s. "Patani" and the s.s. "Wusueh," other companies have been engaged in "cut-throat" competition for the past few months in attempts to secure pay-lodds out of Hong Kong to Canton and Macao.

As a result of the competition, considerable losses were suffered. Several representative meetings were held and the companies eventually agreed on a uniform rate for freight which came into force on Wednesday.

### Drugs From H.K. Seized

San Francisco, May 12. Customs inspectors announced they seized two cases of Chinese patent medicine containing morphine and heroin from the steamer General Gordon when it docked from the Orient today.

Customs collector Paul Leake said 150 bottles labelled "Dr. Tang Shih Yee Cough Pills" were worth US\$3,600.

Wing D. Wong, who brought the drugs on board at Hong Kong and carried them across in his locker, was held for investigation. He said they were for a San Francisco friend and he did not know they were narcotics.—Associated Press.

### New Election In China Demanded

Shanghai, May 13. Carson Chang, leader of the Democratic-Socialists, said he believed new national elections should be called to settle the present dispute between China's dominant Government Kuomintang Party and minor factions.

"We are prepared to submit to the judgment of the people even if we fail to gain a single seat in the Legislative Yuan, provided that elections are held on a fair play basis reflecting the popular will of the voters," he said.

China's two minor parties, the Democratic-Socialists and Young China, have boycotted the new popularly-elected Legislature sitting in Nanking because the Government party failed to give them the 155 seats promised them before last January's elections.

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### Mandate Ends At Midnight Tonight

Jerusalem, May 13. Preparations for all-out war in the Holy Land on Saturday were reportedly being intensified throughout Palestine yesterday.

The last British troops started rolling out of Jerusalem as Arab and Jewish troops moved into positions from which they will launch their assaults when the British end their 25-year mandate over Palestine at midnight tomorrow.

### Nagoya Ceramic Exports

Tokyo, May 13. Chinaware manufacturers in Nagoya—Japan's china production centre—have requested the authorities to consider a 10 to 20 per cent increase in the exchange rate for ceramic and porcelain exports, according to Japanese press reports.

The manufacturers said the raise was necessary to cover higher production costs. With the revision of the nation's price structure expected to be made in June, it would almost seem impossible to continue exporting their goods under the present exchange rate of Y300 to the dollar.

Recently, Japan has exported chinaware to the Netherlands East Indies on the basis of Y375 to one US dollar.

A dinner-set, which costs Y7,050 to manufacture, is priced at Y8,000, owing to the present exchange rate, while production cost of the same set has risen by 80 per cent since last July.

The manufacturers advocated increasing the present rate of Y300 per dollar to Y360.—Reuter.

### Wife's Plea Dismissed

London, May 13. A British divorce court judge today dismissed a wife's petition for nullity based on her husband's practice of coitus interruptus, although he admitted that the facts were similar to those in a case in which, two days ago, another divorce judge gave an opposite decision.

The judge held that the husband's persistence in the practice which involves premature withdrawal for contraceptive purposes during intercourse was cruelty.

He granted the wife a decree nisi.

"I regret that in two days there should be contrary decisions on the matter. It is only emphasized that this is an extremely difficult point which at some stage will have to be decided by a higher tribunal."

Whether there was nullity in such a case was a question of extreme importance and difficulty, he added.

With the judge in the previous case ruled that the practice of coitus interruptus by a husband did not constitute consummation of the marriage and entitled a wife to a decree of nullity.—Reuter.

### NEW PASSPORT REGULATIONS

Canton May 13. The Canton Shipping Merchant Guild have been instructed by the President's Canton Headquarters that they must not accept foreign passengers unless they are in possession of a passport, or a residence certificate, from the Canton Police Headquarters, according to the Kwangtung Jih Pao, a newspaper close to Government quarters.

The instructions stated that aliens entering a Chinese port should possess a passport, endorsed by Chinese consular officials.

In the case of stateless aliens, they must produce passes issued by the highest military or civil organization.—Reuter.

### Arab Plan To Take Over

Damascus, May 13. Arab League officials said in Damascus today that the League will set up an Arab civil administration in Palestine after May 15.

The disclosure was made following a secret session of the League Political Committee and the Arab War Council.

The League Secretary-General Azzam Pasha told the Associated Press that the decision was reached after the bodies defeated a proposal to establish a Palestine Arab state similar to the one the Jews are expected to launch as soon as the British mandate ends.

"We accepted the presumption that the Jews will establish a state on May 15," Azzam Pasha said, "and we agreed to set up an Arab civil administration under the Arab League to function in cooperation with the occupying Arab military forces."—Associated Press.

### Women Jurors Get A Tribute

Members of the local legal fraternity approached by the "China Mail" concerning their views regarding women jurors, yesterday expressed the opinion that the women of Hong Kong have more than justified their right to serve on juries.

### Soong's Chat With Bullitt

Shanghai, May 13. It was reported today that the Governor of Kwangtung, T. V. Soong, and Mr. William C. Bullitt, strong advocate of U.S. aid to China, conferred in Shanghai on plans for development in South China, but neither of them could be contacted immediately for confirmation.

### Russians Reported Aiding Reds

Poiping, May 13. The Ping Ming Jih Pao—General Fu Tao-yi's own newspaper—in a despatch from Manchuria today quoted General Fan Han-chieh, deputy Commander-in-Chief in Manchuria, as declaring that personnel of a "certain country"—obviously referring to Russia—arrived in Fushin, Communist-occupied Manchurian coal centre.

The despatch coincided with a report by a traveller from Manchuria who said he saw four Soviet military men moving railway and industrial equipment from Fushin. The traveller who told the story asked to remain anonymous.

Hitherto there has been no direct evidence that the Chinese Reds in Manchuria have been assisted directly by the Russians. Nevertheless, the story dovetailed into Fan Han-chieh's statement which said that "certain quarters" are hiring coolie labour for the removal of industrial equipment in Red-held areas.

The traveller from Fushin alleged that he saw Soviet military men riding in a car. He said they inspected mines and power stations after which they moved 100 locomotives, wagons and machinery parts.

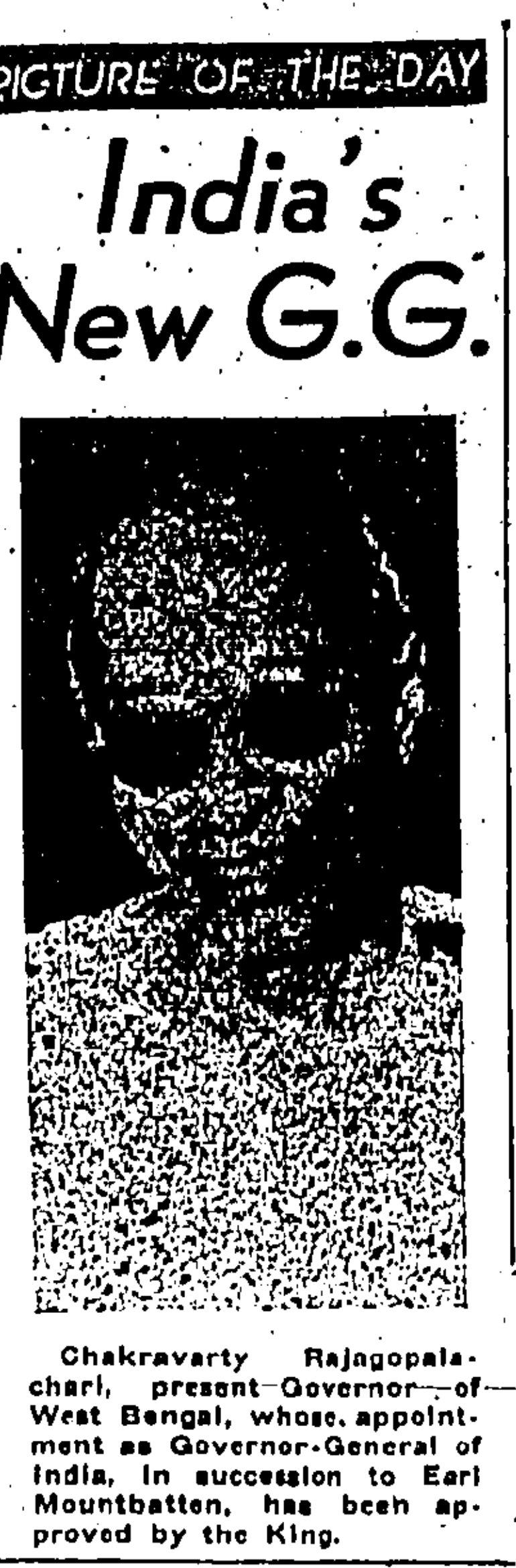
He said the Chinese Reds began the redistribution of property, removing military supplies and coal from Fushin soon after entering the city. He said the Reds repaired the railway from Fushin to Tausan.—United Press.

### CANTON STRIKE

Canton, May 13. Workmen in seven rice mills here are on strike. The dispute arose over the workers' demand for the payment of one catty of rice for every picul of grain polished as a subsidy.

This was turned down by the employers.

The Social Affairs Bureau concurred with the employers' view and have now instructed the strikers to resume work immediately.—Reuter.



Chakravarty Rajagopalachari, present Governor of West Bengal, whose appointment as Governor-General of India, in succession to Earl Mountbatten, has been approved by the King.

### Slump In Shanghai

#### Reaction To Ban On Transfers

Shanghai, May 13. Foreign as well as Chinese stock quotations slumped heavily today, following the Central Bank's decision to ban the free transfer of foreign securities.

The regulations, banning the exportation as well as the importation of foreign securities—made known in a circular last night—implied that securities may be transacted with the approval of the financial authorities.

Banks are to be instructed that the proceeds of the sale of these securities in foreign countries against foreign exchange will be put at the disposal of the Central Bank (as in the case of the export of raw materials and other merchandise).

In recent months, many private Shanghai firms, mostly British, have shifted their headquarters to Hong Kong and converted their capital into Hong Kong currency.

#### Flight To H.K.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Finance, in a determined effort to stop the mass movement of textile machinery to Hong Kong and other South China industrial centres, has instructed the Customs authorities that textile equipment can be shipped only with the approval of the Cotton Control Commission, the Chinese press reported today.

Industrialists who contemplate transferring manufacturing operations to South China to evade Government control, will in future have to apply to the Cotton Control Commission for removal permission.

The Ministry of Finance is reported to have told the Commission that under no circumstances should the number of spindles in the Shanghai area be reduced and only special applications should be considered.—Reuter.

### Red Tape In The Colonial Service

London, May 12. British colonial civil servants in West and East Africa are exasperated with the amount of "paper work" they have to do, and one administrator has resigned because of it.

Lord Rennel, Liberal Peer, asserted in the House of Lords tonight that five officers recently back from Africa all told the same story.

He said they found themselves tied to their offices with no time to get round their districts and see people. They were "inundated with papers and cycled for returns from the Secretariat."

Some of the men—who had come back thought they were brought into Colonial Service under false pretences, he said.

They told him, "we thought we were being sent out to look after and govern the Colonies; and not to be underpaid and overworked accountants."

The Earl of Listowel, the Minister of State for Colonies, said that Colonial Governments were aware of the vital importance of district officers being able to go about their districts freely.

The Colonial Office had no figures of resignations among civil servants sent out since the end of the war, but had they been significant, it would come to their ears, he added.

He hoped that would assure Lord Rennel that this was not the case.

# SLUMP IN SHANGHAI

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### Appeal To The Premier

London, May 13. Civil servants are to appeal to the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, to decide the rights of men and women removed from work in Government offices on the ground that they are Communists or Fascists.

Negotiations between the staff and the Government representatives have broken down, the Treasury disclosed today.

The stumbling block was the trade union demand that civil servants suspended or transferred from their usual work, should have the assistance of a trade union representative if and when he appeared before an advisory committee set up by the Government.

Today's Treasury announcement said the staff representatives were making immediate representations to the Prime Minister, and when he had given his decision a full statement on the recent talks between the two sides would be made.

In the meantime, although it is understood the comb-out is to continue, no cases will come before the advisory committee.—Reuter.

### Colour Bar "Will Of God"

Columbia, South Carolina, May 12. The General Conference of the Southern Methodist Church adopted today a resolution stating that "total race segregation is the 'will of God' and must be maintained."

Delegates from six Southern states adopted the resolution, making it "part and parcel of the discipline of the Church."

The resolution said: "We are ever mindful of our obligation to all races of people, and particularly to the Negro race, for its spiritual betterment and for our leadership of these people toward Christ within their own race structure."

"The Almighty God saw fit, in His infinite wisdom, to segregate the races in the beginning, and we earnestly believe that the will of God will best be served by a continuation of the total segregation of the black and white races."—Reuter.

### EMMY GOERING INDICTED

Munich, May 13. Emmy Goering, widow of the Reichsmarschal, was indicted today as a major offender under the day's major offensive under the denazification law. She is charged with "profiteering" from Nazi connections. The trial date has not been set.—Associated Press.

### Red Threat In East

Washington, May 13. A Congressional report published today said that Soviet diplomacy was "banding every effort to move the Russian Army into the Near East, and the Kremlin will manufacture situations enabling it to do so if they fail to develop."

The report, the latest installment of findings in a study by the House Foreign Affairs Committee of the strategy and tactics of world Communism, declared: "Only this army can achieve the desired results within the allotted period of time."—Reuter.

# Red Threat In East

### Debutantes Presented At Court

London, May 13. Many debutantes of Britain and the Empire were presented today to His Majesty the King and the Queen at the presentation party this year attended by over 2,000 guests at Buckingham Palace.

For the girls and their escorts, attendance at this party counts as a formal presentation. The debutantes did not, however, have to make the complicated and precarious low curtsy which was customary at the formal evening court before the war.

Instead, they gave the simple "bob" or abbreviated curtsy made to Royalty on ordinary occasions. The men bowed.

"The party was on a strictly business basis," said a courtier, "and the King and Queen, and members of the Royal Family, moved informally among the guests."

For the first time since the war, the State Apartments on the first floor of the Palace were used and a long marquee stood in the grounds, a covered way from the saloon to the buffets, where tea was served.

The women wore afternoon gowns and the men lounge suits or uniform.—Reuter.

### DENIS BOYD MEETS PRESIDENT

Nanking, May 13. President and Madame Chiang Kai-shek entertained Sir Denis Boyd, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, and Lady Boyd at a luncheon party at their official residence yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the party were Sir Ralph Stevenson, British Ambassador to China, and Lady Stevenson, and other distinguished British officials in the capital.—Central News.

### The Weather

An anti-cyclonic system over the Eastern Sea moving slowly east and a ridge from the East covers the South China coast.

A trough from the depression over the Sea of Okhotsk extends through the Bay to the Luzon Straits and is becoming less active. A weak depression is centred over S.E. Philippines. Pressure is also low over Hainan and Taiwan.

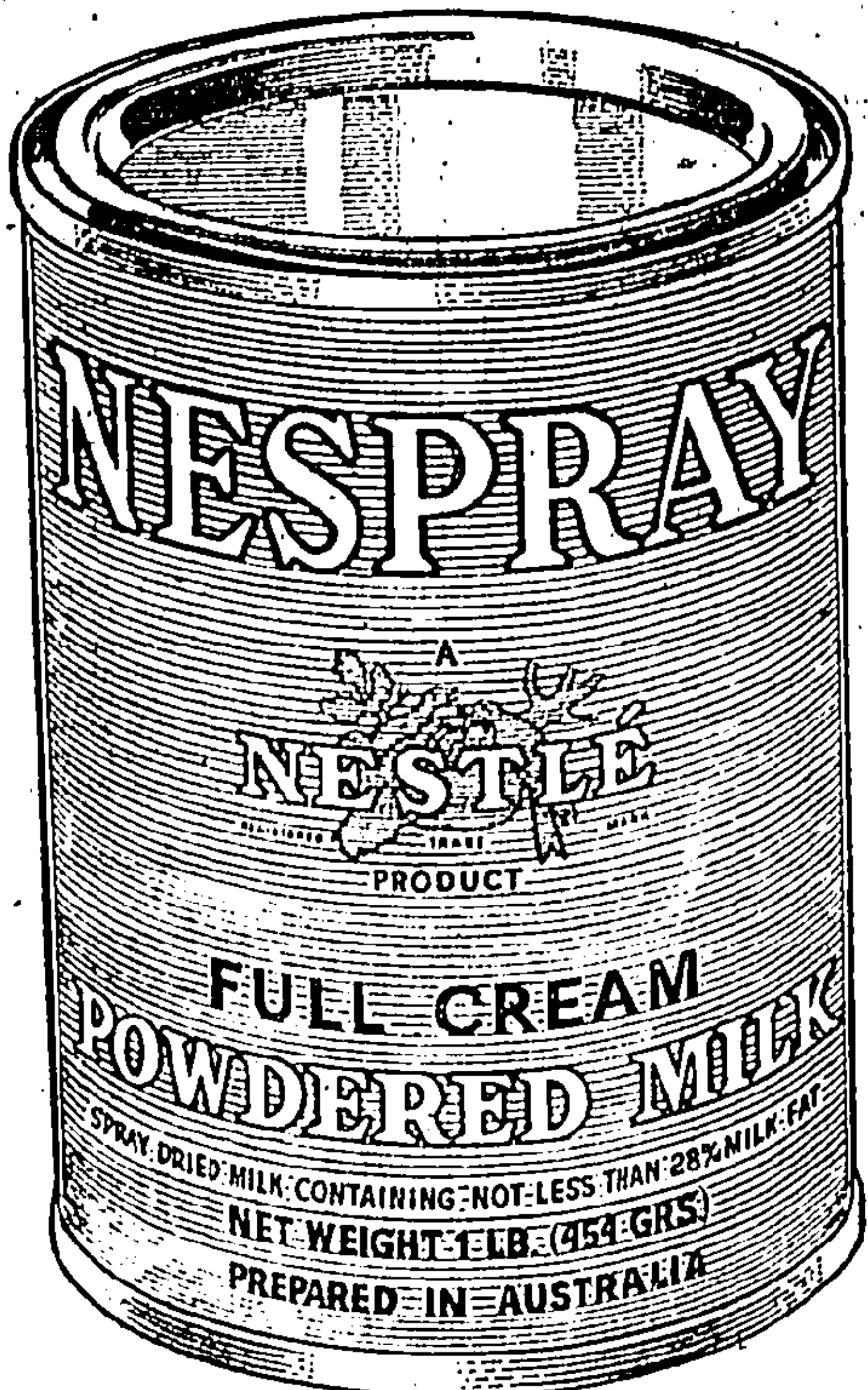
Today's forecast: Fresh, moderately E. winds, cloudy with some light drizzle at first, becoming fair during the morning.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 73.2 deg. F. Minimum 62.4 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.4 in. Humidity: 75 per cent. Wind Force: 10 to 15 m.p.h. Direction: E. to S.E.

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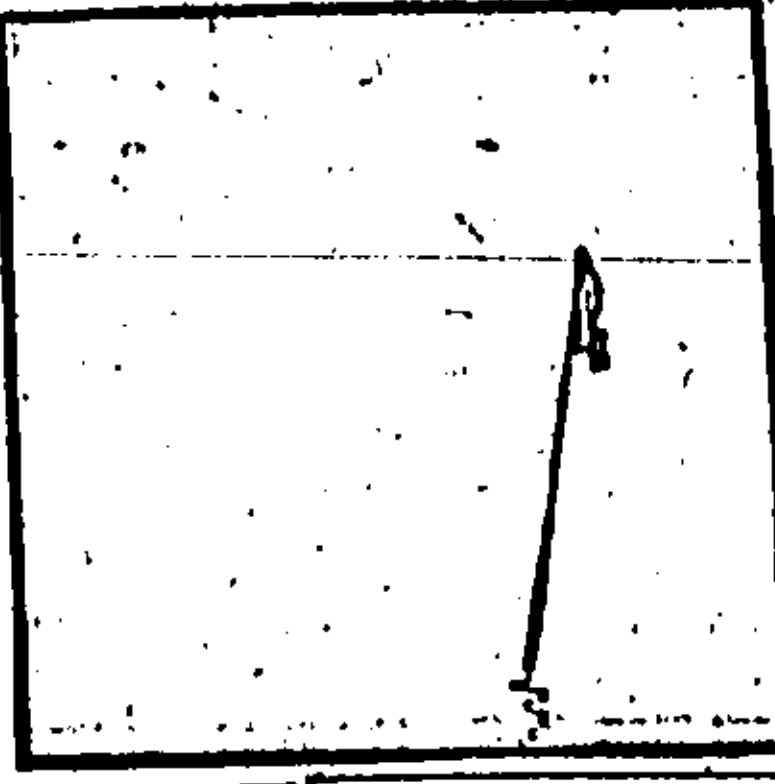
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## COURT ARGUMENT OVER SHIPMENT OF HIDES

Arising out of the alleged failure to take delivery of 500 shaved buffalo hides ordered for shipment in May, 1947, a claim for damages of \$10,614.90 was filed by the Wo Loong Hong, Bank of China Building, against the Canton Overseas Trading Co., exporters, of Holland House, for breach of contract.

The claim was for loss on resale of the hides, being the difference between the contract price and current market price on August 6, 1947.

The case was heard yesterday by the Chief Justice, Mr. E.H. Williams.

The plaintiffs were represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. Sydney Ng Quinn. Defendants were represented by Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. F.E. Hammond.

Mr. d'Almada said that on or about April 20, 1947, a contract in writing was entered into between plaintiffs and defendants for the sale and purchase of 500 shaved buffalo hides for shipment in May 1947 at \$245.00 per piece less 1/2% F.O.B. Hong Kong.

The hides were ready for delivery in May but they failed to take delivery. It was submitted that as the sale was on F.O.B. basis, the duty of sellers was to deliver the goods.

**Counter-Claim**  
The defence pleaded that the contract was on the express condition that shipment should have been made in May and since plaintiffs failed to deliver, after that date unless their buyers in Turkey agreed to an extended time of shipment, which was not forthcoming, so that they were quite within their rights to refuse to take delivery.

They filed a counter-claim for damages for breach of contract by plaintiffs in failing to make delivery within contract time.

Mr. d'Almada said that the hides were in fact ready for defendants sometime after May 15, and when they did not come to make the selections they were reminded by plaintiffs of the pending expiry of the contract date on May 20.

This reminder was repeated several times in early June, each time the answer was that defendants were too busy and said they would come in a few days.

On June 12 two foks from the defendants came and selected 120 pieces, and on June 22 they again came and selected the remaining 380 pieces, which were all duly packed.

On June 23 a debit-note was sent to defendants who put off payment by stating that their money was tied up with other shipments. No hint or suggestion was made that delivery was out of time. Plaintiffs were just put off from time to time.

It was not till July 1 that plaintiffs were told that defendants' overseas buyers objected to this late delivery. This was communicated to plaintiffs over

### Not Wanted

Eventually when plaintiffs again asked defendants to take delivery and were told they no longer wanted the goods owing to their overseas buyers refusing to accept them due to late delivery, plaintiffs placed the matter in the hands of their solicitors.

Before putting his witnesses in the box Mr. d'Almada read from correspondence exchanged between defendants and their representatives in Egypt, wherein it was disclosed that their buyers had failed to open the necessary letter of credit which caused the holding up of the shipment.

"From this correspondence it is quite clear there is no suggestion whatever of defendants' suppliers letting them down. Their sole concern was to get the letter of credit which was not forthcoming," said Mr. d'Almada.

Hearing was adjourned to 10.15 a.m. today.

### Passengers Charged

A usual smuggling case came before Mr. Tin-shing Lo at Canton yesterday when RO Redman charged Au Sin-wai, 40, a passenger of the s.s. "Kwai Hoi", with possessing 16 cartons of penicillin, 10 rolls of cigarette paper and plastic belts. Au was fined \$100 and the goods confiscated.

In connection with the above seizure, Tam Tak-shing, 29, another passenger, was charged with stealing a roll of cigarette paper and fined \$100.

R.G. Redman said defendant, who claimed to be a friend of first defendant, was caught removing a roll of paper from that seized from Au.

### SOLICITING CHARGE

In the dock at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F.X. d'Almada was a 31-year-old married woman Cheung Mei-yung, charged with soliciting for an immoral purpose at Ice House Street, and hiring a 20-year-old girl for the purpose of prostitution.

At the request of Social Welfare Officer A.C. Tibble, defendant, who was not represented legally, was remanded.

### Bus Hold-Up Case

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday fixed 2.15 p.m. on June 3 for hearing of the case in which Cheung Hon-hung alias Cheung Pak-king (23) and Wan San-fong (36) are being charged with armed robbery on board bus 4248 on April 11.

### He Looked Nice In Uniform

Chun Sang, 18-year-old student of 3 L Sing Street, second thought he "looked nice" in a naval uniform complete with medal ribbons.

Unfortunately for him, he was seen by a Royal Naval officer on board the "Golden Star". The officer thought him too young to be the holder of war medals and questioned him.

He was later handed over to Tsimtsatui Police Station and charged with unlawfully wearing the uniform and unlawful possession of the uniform.

Det. Sub-Inspector W.B. Scragg related the incident when Chun appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday. He was fined \$100 and the uniform was ordered to be retained by the Police until claimed by its rightful owner.

### MR. R. HALL LEAVING

Mr. Ronald A. Hall, C.B.E., British Consul General in Canton, arrived here yesterday by plane. He will board the General Meigs tomorrow for San Francisco en route to England on leave.

At the airport when he left Canton were members of the consular staff and many Chinese and foreign friends.

Mr. Hall returned to Canton in November, 1945 from Chungking where he served as consul-general. During his time in Canton, he succeeded in recovering British lands and establishments in Kwangtung and in returning to British owners some 70 vessels which the Japanese took from Hong Kong.

Mr. Hall has been in China more than 25 years as a foreign service official.

### DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE

A decree nisi granted on Feb. 7, 1948, in favour of Terence Arthur Leonard, who petitioned for the dissolution of his marriage to Dorothy Leonard, was made absolute by the Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams, yesterday.

Petitioner was represented by Mr. A. M. L. Soares of Messrs. Brutton & Co.

### Reminders

**Today**  
St. Andrew's Club, annual meeting, at St. Andrew's Church Hall, 6.30 p.m.  
Engineering Society of H.K., annual dinner, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 7.30 p.m.  
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Opening night of "The Spoiled Princess", presented by the Wah Yan Dramatic Society, at Wah Yan College, Robinson Rd., 8.30 p.m.

Recital of classical music, European YMCA, 8 p.m.  
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., annual meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

Social Morning, European YMCA (Ladies Section), 10 a.m.

**Coming Events**  
**TOMORROW**  
Guard of Honour, Farewell Parade, for Maj. Gen. R. E. Murray, Murray Parade Ground, 10 a.m.

Second Night presentation of "The Spoiled Princess", at Wah Yan College, Robinson Rd., 8.30 p.m.

Wappingham, Competition, Wappingham, King's Park, 5 p.m.

## COURT SEQUEL TO PIRACY

As the result of seizures by the Police at 302, Nathan Road, first floor, when they took into custody Keung Kin-chung alias Lui Pui (45), on suspicion of being connected with the piracy on board the s.s. "Van Heutef" on Dec. 14 last, Keung's concubine had been left with nothing to live on, said Mr. P. J. Clifford when he applied to Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for the release of some of the property seized.

Mr. Clifford (instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ) said that a great deal of property was taken by the Police about a month ago. Some belonged to the accused and some was claimed by his wife.

Defence counsel claimed for the return of property which the Police have no lien on or could not suspect to have been the proceeds of the piracy. Among it was \$100 U.S. currency claimed by accused, H.K.\$1,000 and some gold ornaments claimed by the wife.

No U.S. dollars were listed among the losses in the piracy. The gold ornaments were purchased by the wife in Hong Kong with her own money, said defence counsel.

Mr. J.A. Whant, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Kowloon), strongly opposed the application. On the ship that was pirated there were nearly 2,000 passengers "now" scattered all over the Far East, and the Police are still endeavouring to get them to come forward to identify their property.

In all, said Mr. Whant, over \$2,000 were found in different parts of the room occupied by Keung. The two \$500-notes that the concubine was claiming were given to her for house expenses. In a statement to the Police, said Mr. Whant, the concubine said that she had spent all the notes of smaller denominations given her for expenses and kept the two \$500 bills as they were easier to keep.

**No Objection**  
The Police had no objection to the return of US\$100 to the concubine, Wong Pui-chun, said Mr. Whant who added that under the law of criminal procedure, money seized could be taken as the proceeds of the piracy and paid out as compensation to the victims.

Investigations were not yet complete, continued ADCI Whant, and the Police were not in a position to say if any of the property seized by them were not the proceeds of the piracy. The application for the return of the \$1,000 and gold ornaments could be brought up at a later stage.

On Mr. Clifford applying for defendants to be remanded in custody in future, Mr. Whant said the Police was quite agreeable and, in turn, applied for the case to be transferred to the Hong Kong Courts to facilitate future remands.

The case was formally remanded for one week.

Defendants are Ling Cheuk-wah (40), Keung Kin-chung (45), Ling Chan-choi alias Ling Chung (38), and Chan Chiu-choi alias Chan Chit (35), charged with the piracy, and Lui Sang-yun (37), Pun Yau alias Fung Tai (44), and Lui Kwai-fan (58), charged with unlawfully imprisoning Chan Kuei-chung for six hours on board their unlicensed boat on April 12.

**SMOKED IN COURT**  
"There are so many people around you and not one smoking. The next time you appear before this Court or any other court with the same offence you'll be sentenced," Mr. F.X. d'Almada warned a Chinese who was caught smoking in Court yesterday by Inspector H. Moran.

On the application of Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison, Leung Yui-yiu (28) and Kwok Shu-nan alias Kwok Kwai alias Chan Tai-kwai (34), both of 563 Canton Road, first floor, were remanded for two days when they appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, charged with possession of a revolver and six rounds of ammunition at Nanking Street, and of a hand grenade at 563, Canton Road (first floor), on May 12.

Latest arrivals from Southampton by the "Speedbird" flying boat are Messrs Y. P. Chow, Anrau, Wan Chun-ho, G. B. New, G. L. Farmer, Rouillon, G. B. Hart, U. Chan, Master H. Chan, Miss S. Chan, Miss Sutton, and Mrs. Chow.

On the same aircraft were Mr. Inthumani (from Calcutta), W. Muller, Yiu Hung-say and Mrs. Lau Hoi-lee (from Bangkok).

The Marine Department will be closed on Monday, May 17, 1948, with the exception of the Control Office, Marine Licensing Office, Entry & Clearance Office, and Mercantile Marine Office which will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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On the First Day, Saturday 15th May, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.; on the Second Day, Monday 17th May, the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12 noon. The Tiffin interval will be after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

#### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

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Bookmakers, Tio Tio men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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## POLICE REBUT ALLEGATIONS

Evidence in rebuttal of allegations against the Police of assaults in obtaining statements was heard yesterday before Mr. Justice Gould in the case in which five men are charged with attempted armed robbery and unlawful possession of arms.

Accused are Li Yui, Li Ching, Wong Chan Mo, Lam Tak and Tung Shan.

Choi Mo said he was arrested and questioned and when he said he knew nothing of the robbery he was beaten by the detectives. When he refused to sign a statement he was pulled by the hair and struck. When he could not bear the pain any longer he signed the statement.

Lam Tak said he denied he went to Lockhart Road to take part in the robbery. He was struck. He was told he would be brought before an inspector. He agreed after he had been beaten. He signed another statement later in the day after he had been threatened by Sgt. Cheung.

Evidence in rebuttal was then taken.

#### No Complaints

Inspector MacPherson said he followed accused into the No. 2 Police Charge Room. He later instructed them to be brought to him in his room. Det. Sgt. Cheung was there. The reason for his arrest was explained to first accused and the usual caution was administered. Accused made a statement which was taken down and signed by him. The same procedure was followed by the other accused. None complained that they had been assaulted and there was nothing in their demeanour to suggest that they were beaten.

Cross-examined, MacPherson said that Sgt. Cheung was with him when he went to the charge room. He stayed there to give instructions and accused were put into the grille. He did not instruct any of his men to question the accused.

Det. S.I. Cole said the prisoners were taken to the Charge Room. He was told by Inspector MacPherson to bring the prisoners to him one by one. He was in the charge room from the time prisoners were put in the grille until he took them to Inspector MacPherson's room.

When the prisoners were charged in the afternoon, noon complained of having been beaten or ill-treated.

## Nethersole Hospital

The following donations to the Nethersole Hospital Nurses Home Fund are gratefully acknowledged. Donations received by individual collectors but not yet forwarded to Hon. Treasurers are not included in the list.

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Hon. Honour Mr. Justice	
E. H. Williams	20

## St. John's Ambulance

Orders by Colm. A. G. Arculli, Com-

missioner, St. John's Ambulance, Hong Kong District.

Order No. 14748, dated May 14, 1948:

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong—May 15 to May 23, 1948.

Division: May 22 to May 25, 8th Nam

Division: May 26 to June 4, Wanchai

"B" Division.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon—May 17

to May 23, Kowloon Division: May 17 to

May 20, Tsimshatsui Division.

Resignations—D/S Chai Hin Kin.

Central Division has been permitted to

resign w.e.f. 8.6.48.

Medical—All Divisional Supts. Kow-

loon will parade at the Nathan Road

Health Centre Kowloon at 8 p.m. on

May 10 bringing with them all records

of equipment issued to their Division.

All Divisional Supts. Hong Kong will

parade at Brigade H.Q. at 8 p.m. on

May 25 bringing with them all records

of equipment issued to their Division.

Members—As from May 10, 1948, St.

John's Ambulance will no longer be worn by

Officers in uniform. These Ambulances will

be handed in to Div. Supts. who will

return them on the date laid down above

for Div. Supts. meetings. This ruling

applies to Div. Surgeons.

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be open for issues until further notice.

(Sgd.) H. A. EDWARDS,  
Corps Officer.

## Letters From Readers

### Compensation

Sir—Recently there has been a

lot of discussion about payment

of War Damage Compensation,

and regardless of the desires of

the people of Hongkong, the

Government has seen fit to the

comment that no compensation

should be paid to individuals

residing in the Colony who suffered

damage to their property

as a result of operations during

the hostilities in 1941. It would

be interesting to find out whe-

ther this announcement is also

meant to cover the payment of

outstanding occupation period

pay due to non-intermed personnel

of the Government.

During the last Budget Debate

the Hon. Mr. K. Lo made refer-

ence to this question in conjunc-

tion with Treasury Control of

the Colony's finances, which

gave us to understand that in

the way of a decision being made

in this matter. If such is the

case, how was it possible that

interned personnel have been

paid their dues early during the

Military administration of the

Colony. On what grounds were

these sums considered a definite

liability to the Colony, whereas

similar payments to non-intermed

members of the service are still

supposed to be under considera-

tion. Why should one section of

the service be treated differently

from the other? The wives and

children of these men were once

considered as not good enough

to be included in the Evacuation

Scheme which was effected be-

cause of the outbreak of the War.

Was it surprising, therefore, that

the Japanese also considered

these people as unfit for Stanley

Early after this re-occupation

when the non-intermed members

of the service discovered that

they were not to be accorded the

same treatment as interned per-

sonnel, they submitted petition

addressing their right to the same

treatment, to which the answer

were as ever, that the matter

was under consideration by ap-

propriate authorities. These

people were worse off in every

way after the liberation than

those who were interned. Many

of them were practically penni-

less, having returned from the

interior after having served un-

der Allied Operations there,

and had to make their own ar-

rangements for accommodation

and so forth, which entailed the

payment of key-money etc.,

whereas the problem of accom-

modation for the people who

came out of internment, looked

even their feeding by the Govern-

ment. Finally, the Government,

perhaps realising that the men

were getting desperate in the

fruitless attempts to meet the cost

of living with their meagre in-

comes at that time, set up a Com-

mittee to devise means in which

relieving the distress in which

the men found themselves as well

as to study deeper into this ques-

tion and to make recommenda-

tions which the Government

promised to forward to the

Secretary of State for adoption.

This Committee was supposed

to have been set up by the

Salaries Commission. It was

constituted, and whilst this

Commission was deliberating the

men were called upon to fill in

forms giving particulars of their

activities during the occupation,

etc., all seemingly for no pur-

pose now. Recommendations of

the Salaries Commission have

already been put into effect, and

yet not even an announcement

has been made regarding the

manner in which Government

proposes to deal with this matter.

Surely sufficient time has trans-

pired for some definite proposals

to have been made in this

connection. According to reports

which have appeared from

time to time in the local press,

the Malayan Government has

tentatively made some proposals

to Malayan Civil Servants simi-

larly placed, which at least goes

to show that the Government

there is making some concrete

efforts to bring this question to a

satisfactory conclusion. It is a

matter of the greatest regret that

Government.

It would seem appropriate to

quote here below a passage from

one of the petitions submitted to

the Government during the

course of 1946 by the Chinese

Civil Servants Association:

"We have never been at any

moment accepted or pessimistic

regarding Government's eventual

decision to grant accrued

pay to the interned; British

justice and sense of fair play

will not, and cannot admit of

any other decision, racial dis-

crimination having happily

been part and parcel of the

past. But the delay in reach-

ing this decision has caused us

undue hardship....."

Needless to say, we are still

waiting to be assured that the

British sense of justice and fair-

play will prevail in this matter

and that racial discrimination has

really been made a part and

parcel of the past.

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learn that one of our prominent



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# United States Call For Palestine High Commissioner TO BE APPOINTED BY THE BIG FIVE

Lake Success, May 12.

The United States called on the United Nations to appoint a U.N. high commissioner for Palestine. The selection would be made by the U.S., Russia, France, China and Britain.

An American delegation spokesman said the plan would be presented to a sub-committee of the Special Palestine Assembly on Thursday morning.

The proposed commissioner would have no governmental powers. He would attempt to mediate Jewish-Arab differences, arrange for common services in the Holy Land, provide for protection of the holy places and promote Jewish-Arab agreement on a future Palestine Government.

The new American plan also would provide that the U.N. Palestine Partition Commission should be discharged of its responsibility immediately.

The American spokesman said this new proposal was part of a three-point programme for the remainder of the current special Assembly in Palestine.

Announcement of the programme was made here shortly after Secretary of State George Marshall conferred with President Harry Truman in Washington.

## Plan Rejected

The U.N. Assembly earlier in the day had given up efforts to create an emergency Government in Palestine.

A 12-nation group of the special session rejected the United Nations could not give up completely even though the mediation efforts also might fail. Sir Alexander Cadogan of Britain suggested that the U.N. should send some kind of a Commission into Palestine regardless of Jewish or Arab opposition.

The breakdown came when Arabs rejected a plan for a shadow administration and Jews objected to main parts of it. This came approximately 48 hours before the end of the British mandate and a Governmental vacuum in the embattled Holy Land.

The British officially advised the U.N. during the day that they were ending their rule on Friday midnight in Palestine—2200 GMT.

## The End

Fletcher Cooke of Britain warned that any new emergency regime for Palestine must be created by action before the hour the mandate would end.

Fletcher Cooke told the Assembly's Palestine sub-committee that the time would be Friday midnight, Palestine time and the British High Commissioner would call immediately.

Fletcher Cooke made it clear that the United Nations had two days to act. This is the first time that the British have informed the United Nations of the exact time they would end their Palestine rule.

Fletcher Cooke said that the High Commissioner, Sir Alan Cunningham, would leave Palestine about the light cruiser HMS Euryalus.

The Security Council received a cable from its French, Belgian and American Consular Truce Commission in Palestine asking the Council to send 50 neutral observers to supervise traffic on the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv road.

This started an argument as to how these observers could be selected, what authority they would have and whether the Jews and Arabs would recognize them.

Control of the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv road is one of the factors of Jerusalem peace since the Jews are demanding that they have free access to Jerusalem as one condition of continuing the truce.—Associated Press.

# Bravest Deed Of 1947

London, May 13.

Mrs. Petronella Ferguson of Windward Isles, West Indies, has been awarded the Stanhope Gold Medal by the Royal Humane Society for "performing the bravest deed of 1947".

When a cloud-burst flooded the river near her home, many people were trapped. Twelve houses were swept away and 14 people were drowned. Mrs. Ferguson, who was expecting a baby, was in the house with her husband and son when the storm burst. They were all three swept upward by the flood and both her husband and son were drowned. Hearing cries for help, Mrs. Ferguson swam in darkness and found a girl of 13 unable to swim and clinging to her leg. Mrs. Ferguson began to swim, pushing a log, but they were carried out to sea by the flood waters. After two hours swimming, she brought the exhausted girl to shore and was herself in a state of collapse.—Reuter.

## HAD NO TICKETS

Going round cinema houses on the Mainland, between 8.30 and 10.30 p.m. on May 12, Inspector J.F. Muggford of the Tax Office arrested 11 persons without a ticket.

Six were fined \$40 by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, while two had their bail of \$50 estreated. They were arrested in the Sun Wah and Victory theatres.

Of three who appeared before Mr. W.H. Latimer, two (found in the Po-Hing Theatre) were fined \$20 each, while one arrested in the Alhambra was fined \$25.

## TICKETS CASE

When the case in which Cheng Sui-san (27) and Sit Tak (26) are charged with forging third-class K.C.R. tickets and possession of forged tickets was called before Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, Det. Inspector Franklin informed the Court that accused had instructed Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, and that defence counsel would like a week's remand.

The Magistrate fixed May 20 for hearing.

# Dairy Farm Gets Shek-O Licence

Mr. J. D. Thomson, of the Dairy Farm, was granted a Publican's licence for the Shek-O Refreshment Pavilion, and Mrs. Henry Lowcock of Henry's Cafe, Chung King Arcade, Kowloon, was given an adjunct licence at the meeting of the Licensing Board yesterday held in the Council Chamber.

The following members of the board were present:—Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall (Chairman), Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, Mr. W. M. Thomas Tam and Mr. Kong Man-tsun (Secretary).

In the first case the chairman said that a letter had been received from the Urban Council in connection with the water supply at Shek O. Mr. Thompson told

the Board that the Company had made all arrangements for the water supply. Water for washing purposes would be taken out in a motor truck capable of holding 500 gallons. All drinking water would be Watson's distilled water. A tank capable of holding 800 gallons would be built.

The application was granted on condition that the Health Authorities are satisfied with arrangements regarding water.

Mr. K. A. Bidman said the police objected to the granting of a publican's licence to Mrs. Lowcock, on the ground that the place was too small, there were insufficient licensed places in the district and that a woman was not a capable person to hold such a licence.

The police had nothing against Mrs. Lowcock personally. The district south of Austin Road had 14 licensed places.

In reply to the chairman, Mrs. Lowcock said she had four years experience running a cafe in India. Her present place was patronised by servicemen and were all well behaved. There were places smaller than hers which had a licence.

Asked whether she would be satisfied with an adjunct licence, the applicant said that no drinks could then be served after 10 p.m. If drinks were served before 10 p.m. and patrons were still drinking after ten o'clock, a visit by the Police would be embarrassing.

She was granted an adjunct licence, and advised to apply for a Publican's licence in November.

## Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at \$315.50 a tael. After rising 50 cents, selling pressure set in and forced the rate down to \$310.50.

It improved to \$312.75 at the time interval, and in the afternoon continued this improvement to \$315.00. Closing quotation was weaker at \$313.00.

Deliveries totaled 12,580 taels, made up of 6,580 taels official and 6,000 unofficial.

Futures were in better demand yesterday. Opening at \$10.60 a 100, the price rose to \$10.95, easing off slightly to \$10.92 1/2 at the close.

Chinese National Currency opened at 5.55 cents for futures and 5.7 cents for spot (for C\$10,000), and closed at 5.57 cents and 5.6 cents respectively.

Tenals were unchanged at \$25.50 a 100, and NEI Guilders were at \$43.00 a 100.

U.S. dollars continuing their descent, touched \$28 1/2. Sterling improved further to \$14.60, and Australian pounds went up by a cent to \$12.55.

## JAPANESE WIFE OF WRITER

Mrs. Kuo Mo-jo, 54-year-old Japanese wife of the noted Non-Partisan Chinese novelist, will be allowed to enter Hong Kong if she can prove she is the legal wife of the writer. Immigration officials told the "China Mail" yesterday.

Immigration Inspector Michell said that Mrs. Kuo would be treated as a Chinese since she was married to a Chinese subject.

Mrs. Kuo arrived in Taiwan two days ago from Japan and intends to fly to Hong Kong to join her husband here.

## H.K.V.D.C. Orders

Orders by Colonel L.T. Ride, C.B.E., E.D., Commandant, H.K.V.D.C. Corps, Order No. 14/48, May 13, 1948:

Relinquishment of Commissions:—The following officers from Hong Kong Government Gazette No. 23, dated May 7, 1948, is published:—No. 422. His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve that the following officers, allowed to relinquish their commissions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps with effect from May 2, 1948:

Capital G. Blaker, M.C., E.D.; Lieutenant H. S. Carter, May 8, 1948; Captain G. H. Calvert assumed the duties of Corps Paymaster with effect from May 1, 1948 vice T.B.Q.M.S. M. N. Rakusen, M.B.E.

Historical Committee:—The Research sub-committee will meet at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, 1948 at Corps H.Q. Sgt. G. A. Lemay is requested to attend. Holidays: H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters, Lower Albert Road, will be closed on Monday, May 17, 1948.

PART 2 ORDERS, Order No. 17/48:—Leave: T.B.Q.M.S. M. N. Rakusen, M.B.E. proceeded on long leave on May 11, 1948.

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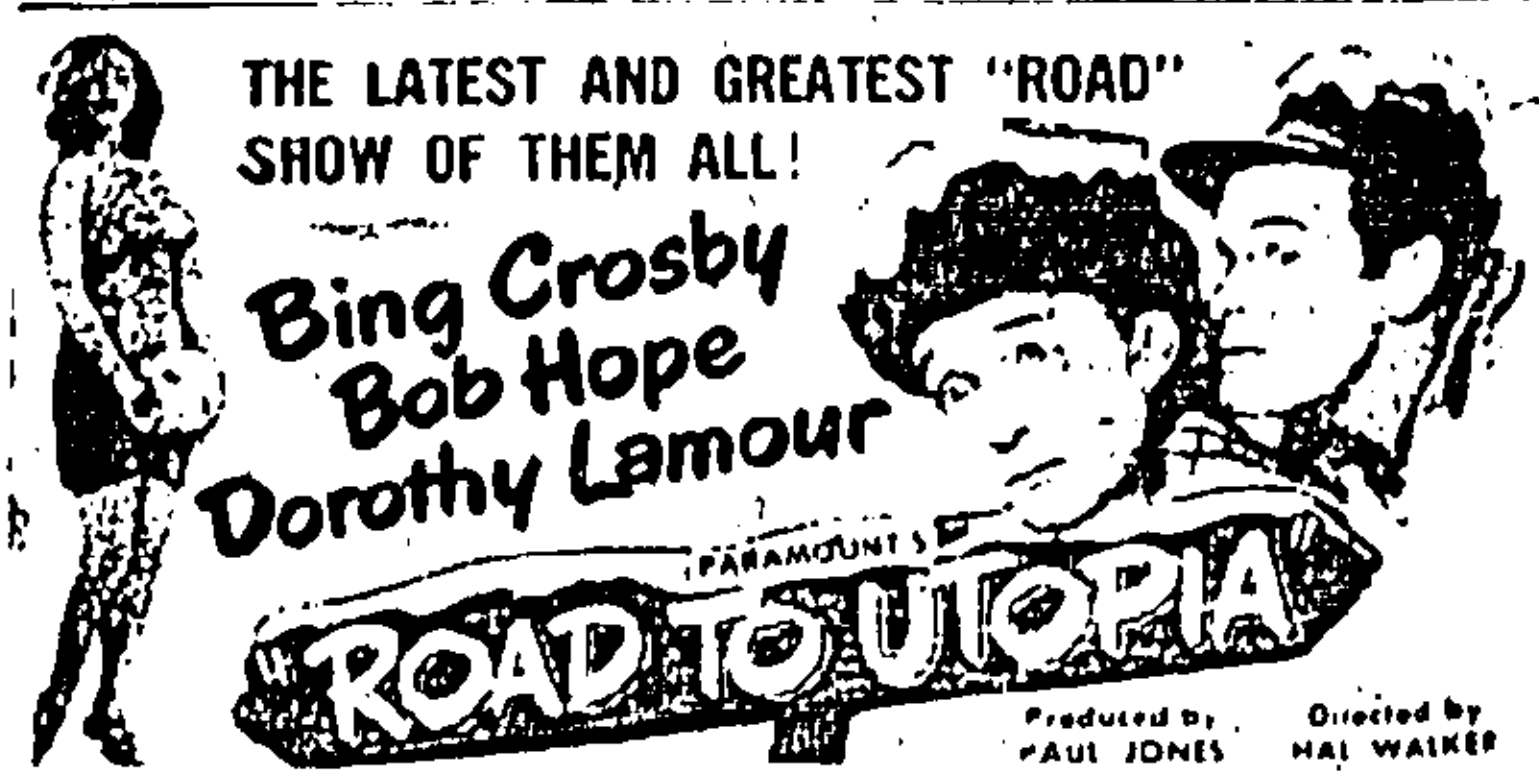
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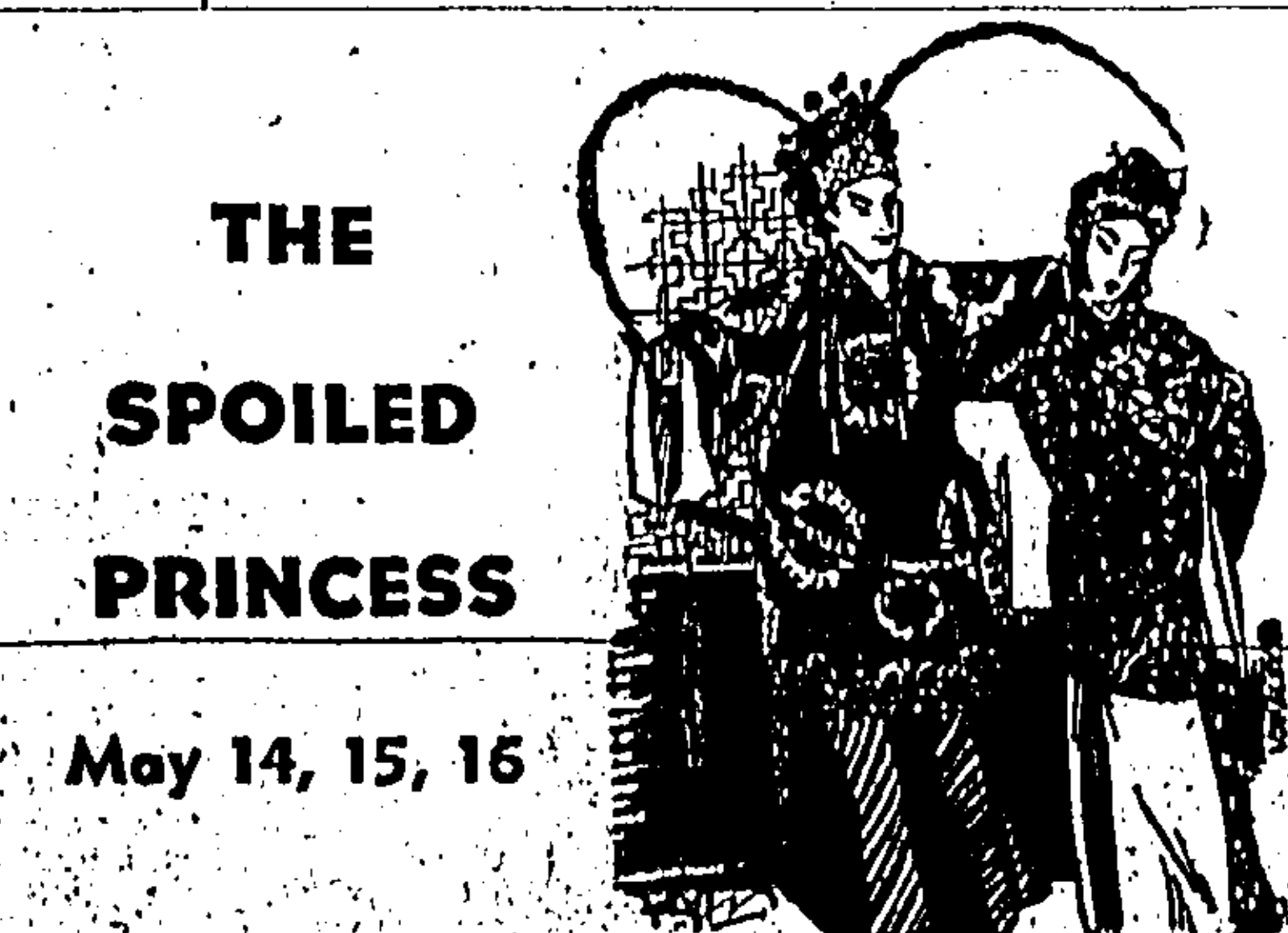


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## QUEEN WILHELMINA TO ABDICATE In Favour Of The Princess Juliana

The Hague, May 12.

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands would abdicate at the beginning of September in favour of Princess Juliana, it was announced tonight.

Queen Wilhelmina made the announcement herself in a broadcast to the nation. It was only at the request of Princess Juliana, the Queen added, that she had postponed her abdication until after August 31 (her 68th birthday) and the celebration of her Golden Jubilee.

As a reason for her decision, the Queen gave her age and "a decline of the power of resistance and ability to work and of the powers which are indispensable to the spirit in taking responsible decisions in the profound and complicated problems of which there are so many in the present time."

The Queen told the Dutch people: "I have come to the conclusion that not I, but a younger person, must cooperate in my stead to bring to a satisfactory solution the unusual complex of problems which hold us and the whole of mankind in their grip."

She added: "At this moment I appeal to you most earnestly, in these times of violence and danger, close your ranks; unite and unite again."

### Heavy Task

"The good qualities which we were able to develop during and after the war have aroused confidence and appreciation by those who are of good will wherever in the world."

"Show that you are equal to the great times in which we live, with a broad view of world events and with understanding for the reality which concerns us all," the Queen said.

The Queen said: "I remember as yesterday, May 12, 1889, when it was 40 years ago that my unforgettable father was sworn in and installed. I feel that I can choose no better day than this day, which is a year of a century, to speak to you about the reintroduction of the Regency of my daughter and plans for the future."

"Too great a fatigue which benefits neither my work nor my health and which has no opportunity to pass under the pressure of the execution of my heavy task compels me for the second time to resort to a Regency. But there is more."

### Feeling Of Duty

After explaining her reason for the abdication, she added: "I am faced with this sober reality and although I am continually and fully aware that

### Spirit Of Neglect

"I have carefully considered all the consequences."

"All these problems have one thing in common: that they will demand our attention for a long time to come."

The Queen continued: "We must together conquer the spirit

which manifests itself in the actions and neglect which handicapped the resistance in the war years and even cost the lives of many good Dutchmen, and which is still present in our people."

She concluded: "Face the future shoulder to shoulder with Princess Juliana, bless you and my beloved child."—Reuter.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

SHOOT AT A LONG SHOT AGAINST a contract of game 7, the 10 bringing forth the J, and South at once attacked the clubs. West won with his A and immediately laid down the heart A. Without any particular hope of dropping the K but to make sure South did not get all the rest of the tricks. Then he led a third heart to the K, clearing the suit. The diamond K, four club tricks and three more diamonds enabled South to get ten all told. When in with that club A, West should have clung to his heart in the hope that East had one left and also an early winning card in some other suit. The best chance would have been in spades, since South had bid diamonds. If West had followed this logic and led a spade to the next trick, East would have won, would have sent back his last heart and the suit would have scored six more tricks. These plus the black aces would have set South four tricks. In other words, that single play would have been worth five tricks.

S. 10 9 7 4  
H. 8  
D. K 10 2  
C. K Q J 10 5  
S. A Q 8  
H. A Q 7  
D. 10 2  
C. A 7 2  
S. K J 2  
H. K J 4  
D. A Q J 8  
C. 9 8 4

(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.)  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1 D 2 H  
3 C Pass 3 NT

North required a good deal of nerve for that bid of his at the three level, but it was rubber bridge and he reckoned the showing of his clubs might be the key to a No Trump game. He read South for surplus strength especially because of West's jump bid in hearts, which might have been based on not much except great length in view of previous similar bids by the same chap.

## Communists Banned

Sydney, May 12.

The Returned Servicemen's League, Australia's largest ex-servicemen's organisation, today banned Communists from membership in the organisation.

The Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen, the Air Force Association, and several other veterans' organisations have already banned Communists. The Australian Communist Party said last week that needed ex-servicemen's organisations.—Reuter.

## PETAINE'S DOCTOR PASSES

Rochelle, May 12.

The La Rochelle police, quoting authorities in Port Joinville on the island of Yeu, said today that Dr Paul Imbert, personal physician of former Marshal Pétain, died today after taking an overdose of sleeping pills.

Imbert, 51, had been Pétain's physician since the Vichy leader's imprisonment on the Bay of Biscay island. The police said that Imbert was suffering from an "incurable disease."—United Press.

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She concluded: "Face the future shoulder to shoulder with Princess Juliana, bless you and my beloved child."—Reuter.

## Tightening Up Foreign Exchange

Shanghai, May 13.

The Central Bank of China, in a measure further tightening the control of foreign exchange, yesterday notified appointed banks (banks authorised to buy and sell foreign exchange) that the importation and exportation of foreign securities will be subject to a new set of rules.

The free movement of such securities will in future be permitted only in special circumstances which have to be demonstrated to the Central Bank.

The new measure will affect shares of those foreign companies above all, which before the war had been registered in Shanghai, since many of these companies converted their capital into foreign currencies in the meantime.

Dr. P. H. Ho, Chairman of the Export-Import Board, meanwhile, decided the 50 per cent deposit of licensed exchange imposed on importers in an address before the Foreign Trade Association of China yesterday.

He said the step was "to prevent excessive profits at the expense of the Government." Dr. Ho stressed also the necessity for stepping up exports to get more foreign exchange and conserve exchange by curtailing imports.—Reuter.

## LOVE AFFAIR

Manila, May 13.

Augustina Ace, aged 100, complained to the police that she was annoyed by a 70-year-old sailor who broke into her house and began making love to her. She grabbed a piece of wood and hit his head, while her daughter called the police.—United Press.

## RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m., and from 5.00 to 11.15 p.m., and also on 5.55 megacycles in the 81 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 7.30 to 8.30, and 9.15 to 11.15 p.m.

12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father Gallagher, S.J. (Studio)  
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
12.32 p.m.—Black Payne and His Orchestra.  
1.00 p.m.—Sharp's Honolulu Hawaiian.  
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.  
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.  
1.30 p.m.—"Strings with Wings" The Malachino Strings with Millicent Phillips and Wilfred Barnes (Voice) (Studio).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.  
6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: Songs from Boys and Girls introduced by Donald Fraser (Studio).  
6.30 p.m.—"One Night Stand" Presented by Philip Dunn (Studio).  
7.00 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music (B.B.C.S.).  
7.15 p.m.—Mans' Traditional Songs (B.B.C.S.).  
7.30 p.m.—"The Banna of Marrakech"—A West Country Comedy by Charles Lee (B.B.C.S.).  
8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).  
8.15 p.m.—Radio Revellers (O.R.B.S.).  
8.30 p.m.—"Gilbert and Sullivan" Episode 2 "The Partnership begins" (B.B.C.S.).  
9.30 p.m.—Popular Classics.  
10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).  
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.  
10.16 p.m.—Dance to Victor Silvester's Ballroom Orchestra.  
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### H.K.'S PLACE IN INDUSTRY

The hint that an attempt may be made to organise a boycott of Japanese goods, in protest against the American bid to swell the volume of Japanese textile exports, has nothing whatever to commend it. In the first place, it is undoubtedly premature to become alarmed at once at the threat of Japanese rivalry. The world is still short of goods and this is especially true of Asia. It will be some time, even with the energetic programme sponsored by SCAP, and the liberal assistance being given to Japan to secure for her the necessary raw materials in quantity, before there is any prospect of competition intensifying to the cut-throat stage.

There is moreover only one sound answer when that stage is reached: to produce equally good textiles at a comparable price. The outcry of local manufacturers who have been enjoying the bountiful rewards of a seller's market is not difficult to understand. A clear field and all the favours of a position to be surrendered with indifference. But some time or other manufacturers in Hong Kong and Shanghai were bound to come face to face with the realities of economics.

Displeasing as the facts may be they are inescapable. The key points which make Japanese competition such a 'fearsome' thing are that Nippon employs the most modern of methods, and that the Japanese worker is an industrious individual prepared to work for very long hours for very low wages. Hong Kong's leading weavers have had ample warning and advice in plenty to make use of the opportunity of very large rewards for their enterprise in the last eighteen months by a forward-looking policy diverting a reasonable proportion of profits to the purchase of new plant and the modernising of factories. No one will urge anything suggestive of a return to sweatshop conditions. Costs of production can, however, be cut, and cut drastically, by eliminating the factors which tend to call for the employment of too many men where, in a modern factory, one man would do.

Nothing can prevent a very determined bid by Japan, with America's aid, to restore to herself a high place in the world economy, and nothing could be more short-sighted than attempts to obstruct the development. Japan's industrial energy is necessary to the economy of the Far East at large if we in this part of the world are to break out of this era of exorbitant prices, prohibitive labour costs and antiquated productive methods. When Napoleon died, Metternich said: "Romance is over. We are back in history." A modern Metternich, or a Goschen, would say to-day, in reference to trade prospects: "The seller's market is over. We are going back to competitors." Hong Kong's place industrially in the changing conditions will depend upon her answer to the challenge.



## The Twenty-fifth Instalment

# Churchill's Memoirs THE MEASURELESS ORDEAL

Admired in the Commander-in-Chief, I motored from Loch Ewe to Inverness, where our train awaited us. We had a picnic lunch on the way by a stream, sparkling in hot sunshine. I felt oddly oppressed with my memories.

"For God's sake let us sit upon the ground," And tell and stories of the deaths of kings. No one had ever been over the same terrible course twice, with such an interval between. No one had felt its dangers and responsibilities from the summit as I had, or to descend to a small point, under the First Lord's eye. The Admiralty are treated when great ships are sunk and things go wrong. If we were in fact going over the same cycle a second time, should I have once

Less than a fortnight after taking over the Admiralty—"the great Department which I knew so well and loved with a discriminating eye"—Mr. Churchill paid a visit to the Fleet in Scapa Flow, just as he had done in similar circumstances 25 years earlier.

again to endure the pangs of dismissal? Fisher, Wilson, Battenberg, Jellicoe, Beatty, Pakenham, Sturdee, all gone! "I feel like one Who treads alone Some banquet hall deserted, Whose lights are fled, Whose garlands dead, And all but he departed!" And what of the supreme measureless ordeal in which we were again irretrievably plunged? Poised in its agony, France but a pale reflection of her former warlike ardour; the Russian Colossus no longer an ally, not even neutral, possibly to become a foe. Italy no friend, Japan no ally. Would America ever come in again? The British Empire remained intact and gloriously united, but ill-prepared, unready. We still had command of the sea. We were woefully outmanned in numbers in this new mortal weapon of the air. Somehow the light faded out of the landscape.

We joined our train at Inverness and travelled through the afternoon and night to London. As we got out at Euston the next morning I was surprised to see the First Sea Lord on the platform. Found's look was grave. "I have bad news for you, First Lord. The Courageous was sunk yesterday evening in the Bristol Channel."

The Courageous was one of our oldest aircraft-carriers, but a very necessary ship at this time. I thanked him for coming to break it to me himself, and said: "We can't expect to carry on a war like this without these sort of things happening from time to time. I have seen lots of it before." And so to bath and the toll of another day. In order to bridge the gap of two or three weeks between the outbreak of war and the completion of our auxiliary and U-boat flotillas, we had decided to use the aircraft-carriers with some freedom in helping to bring in the unarmed, unorganised and unconvicted traffic which was then approaching our shores in large numbers. This was a risk which it was right to run. The Courageous attended by four destroyers had been thus employed.

Towards evening on September 17, two of these had to go to hunt a U-boat which was attacking a merchant ship. When the Courageous turned into the wind at dusk, in order to enable her own aircraft to alight upon her

landing-deck, she happened, in her unpredictable course, by what may have been a hundred-to-one chance, to meet a U-boat. Out of her crew of 1,260 over 500 were drowned, including Capt. Minkley-Jones, who went down with his ship. Three days before another of our aircraft-carriers, later to become famous, H.M.S. Ark Royal, had also been attacked by a submarine while similarly engaged. Mercifully the torpedoes missed, and her assailant was promptly sunk by her escorting destroyers.

Towards the end of the month I thought it would be well for me to give the House some coherent story of what was happening and why. Mr. Chamberlain readily assented, and accordingly

In his speech on the 28th he told the House that I would make a statement on the sea war as soon as he sat down. This was the first time, apart from answering questions, that I had spoken in Parliament since I had entered the Government.

I had a good tale to tell. In the first seven days our losses in tonnage had been half the weekly losses of the month of April, 1917, which was the peak year of the U-boat attack in the first war. We had now already made progress by setting in motion the convoy system; secondly, by pressing on with the arming of all our merchant ships; and thirdly, by our counter-attack upon the U-boats.

"In the first week our losses by U-boat sinkings amounted to 65,000 tons; in the second week they were 46,000 tons; and in the third week they were 21,000 tons. In the last six days we have lost only 9,000 tons."

I observed throughout that habit of understatement and of avoiding all optimistic forecasts which had been inculcated upon me by the hard experiences of the past.

This speech, which lasted only 25 minutes, was extremely well received by the House, and in

fact it recorded the failure of the first German U-boat attack upon our trade. My fears were for the future, but our preparations for 1941 were now proceeding with all possible speed and on the largest scale which our vast resources would allow.

By the end of September I could feel that I had effectively taken over the great Department which I knew so well and loved with a discriminating eye. I now knew what there was in hand and on the way. I knew where everything was. I had visited all the principal naval ports and met all the commanders-in-chief.

On the whole, the month had been prosperous and fruitful for the Navy. We had made the immense, delicate and hazardous transition from peace to war. Forfeits had to be paid in the first few weeks by a world-wide commerce suddenly attacked contrary to formal international agreements by indiscriminate U-boat warfare; but the convoy system was now in full flow, and merchant ships were leaving our ports every day by scores with a gun, sometimes high-angle, mounted aft, and a nucleus of trained gunners.

The Asdic-equipped trawlers and other small craft armed with depth-charges, all well prepared by the Admiralty before the outbreak, were now coming daily into commission in a growing stream with trained crews. It was obvious that the Germans would build submarines by hundreds, and no doubt numerous shoals were upon the slips in various stages of completion. In 12 months, certainly in 18, we must expect the main U-boat war to begin. But by that time we hoped that our mass of new flotillas and anti-U-boat craft, which was our first priority, would be ready to meet it with a proportionate and effective predominance.

The painful dearth of anti-aircraft guns, especially 3.7s and 4.2s, could, alas, only be relieved after many months but even measures had been taken within the limits of our resources to provide for the defence of our naval harbours; and meanwhile the Fleet, while ruling the oceans, would have to go on playing hide-and-seek.

In the wider sphere of naval operations no definite challenge had yet been made to our position. After the temporary suspension of traffic in the Mediterranean

can our shipping soon again move through this invaluable corridor. Meanwhile the transport of the Expeditionary Force to France was proceeding smoothly.

The blockade of Germany was being enforced by similar methods to those employed in the previous war. The Northern Patrol had been established between Scotland and Iceland, and by the end of the first month a total of nearly 300,000 tons of goods destined for Germany had been seized in prize against a loss to ourselves of 140,000 tons by enemy action at sea.

Overseas, our cruisers were hunting down German ships while at the same time providing cover against attacks on our shipping by raiders. German shipping had thus come to a standstill, as with few exceptions it had sought shelter in neutral waters on the outbreak of war.

Our Allies also played their part. The French took an important share in the control of the Mediterranean. In Home Waters and the Bay of Biscay our Allies also helped in the battle against the U-boats, and in the central Atlantic a powerful force based on Dakar formed part of the Allied plans against surface raiders.

The young Polish Navy distinguished itself. Early in the war three modern destroyers and two submarines, Wilk and Orzel, escaped from Poland and, defying the German forces in the Baltic, succeeded in reaching England. The escape of the submarine Orzel is an epic. Sailing from Gdynia when the Germans invaded Poland, she first cruised in the Baltic, putting into the neutral port of Tallinn on September 15 to land her sick captain. The Estonian authorities decided to intern the vessel, placed a guard on board, and removed her charts and the breech-blocks of her guns. Undismayed, her commanding officer put to sea after overpowering the guard.

In the ensuing weeks the submarine was continually hunted by sea and air patrols, but eventually, without even charts, made her escape from the Baltic into the North Sea. Here she was able to transmit a faint wireless signal to a British station giving her supposed position; and on October 14 was met and escorted into safety by a British destroyer.

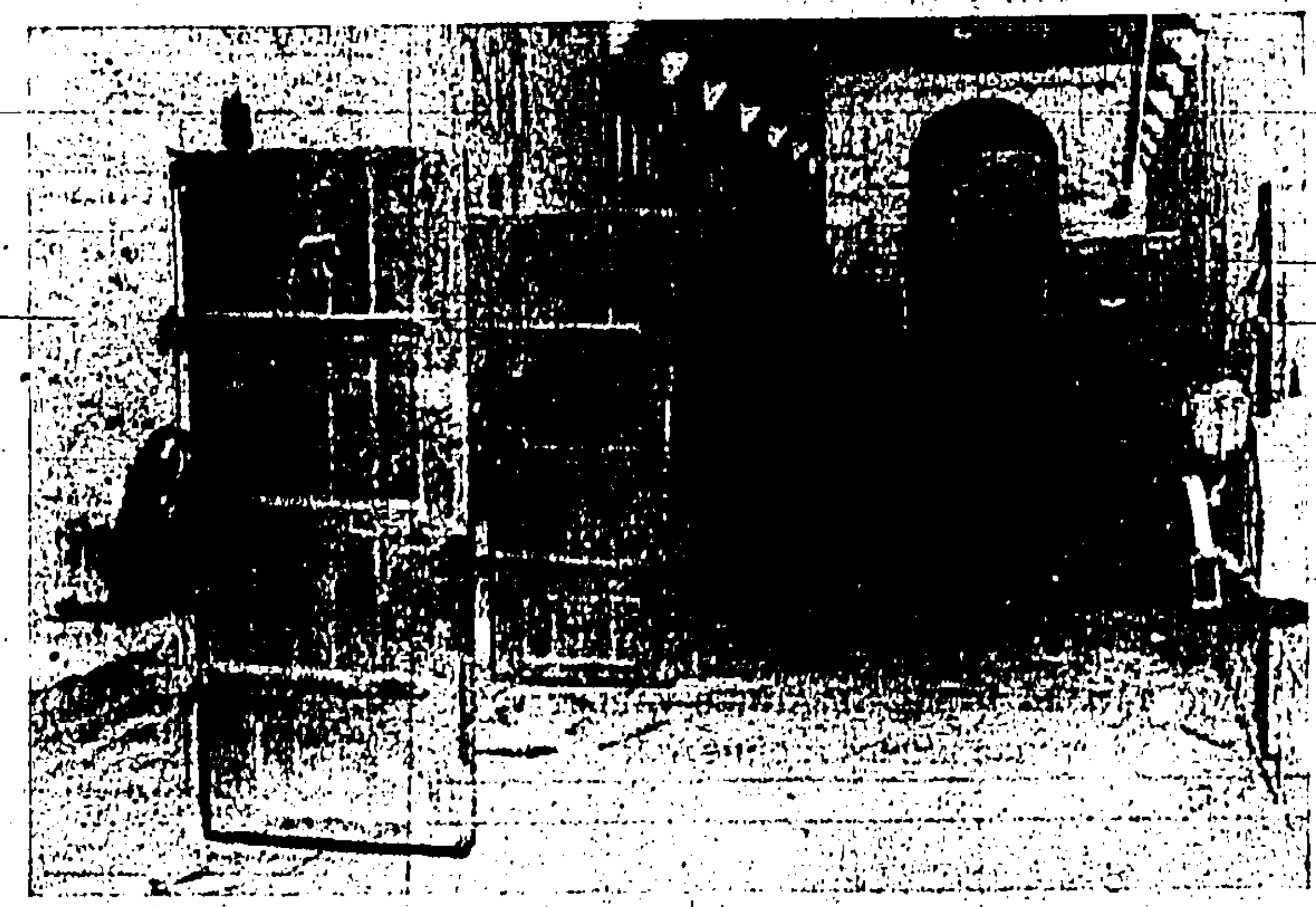
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## CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



"Don't worry, Killer—we'll pland temporary storm delivery."



In the Tower, building to-day, the doors of the empty cells swing idly open. Outside each one can be seen the meter which registered the number of turns made by prisoners' wheels inside every cell, and also the thumbscrew which tightened or slackened the brake. (China Mail photo).

## Historical HK Gaol Tower Disappearing

One of the oldest buildings in the Colony, and one with the grimmest story of the past to tell, is at present being torn down. It is the Old Tower Block, a medieval-like structure which has stood at the side of the Victoria Barrade Prison adjoining Central Police Station for well over 30 years.

During that time within its sombre granite walls many hundreds of criminals have met their end by hanging and many others have entered the round first floor of the Tower and stood in the centre to receive the corporal punishment that justice demanded they should take.

Each wheel, which is still fixed in the stone work just inside the door of every cell had to be turned by the unfortunate prisoners 10,004 times a day. This is an unpleasant reminder of the prison administration of the past, when instead of the constructive hard labour which our laws now decree, shall be done by a good prisoner, the inmates of the Old Tower, each had to turn the iron wheel 1,000 times for breakfast, 5,000 times for the mid-day meal and 4,124 times for supper.

Outside the cell, the iron crank, registered on a dial, under the number of turns which were made, and underneath a small dial, which line the ground floor

to make the turning harder or easier. It must have been a case of woe befalls any prisoner who fell foul of his warder in the days when the cells were used. One of these cranks, or wheels, is to be kept by the authorities as a souvenir, and will be placed in the Stanley museum.

Many years ago the Tower room itself was known as the Chapel, but the reason for this is not remembered today. It has since been termed the Old Block of the Prison, or simply the Victoria Gaol when it was at one time the only prison in the Colony. Although the Tower is now a dank and dark erection, its solid construction is a tribute to the building workmanship of the past. Composed entirely of huge granite slabs, many as large as tombstones, and built with bricks that seem as firm to-day as when they were first laid and placed together.

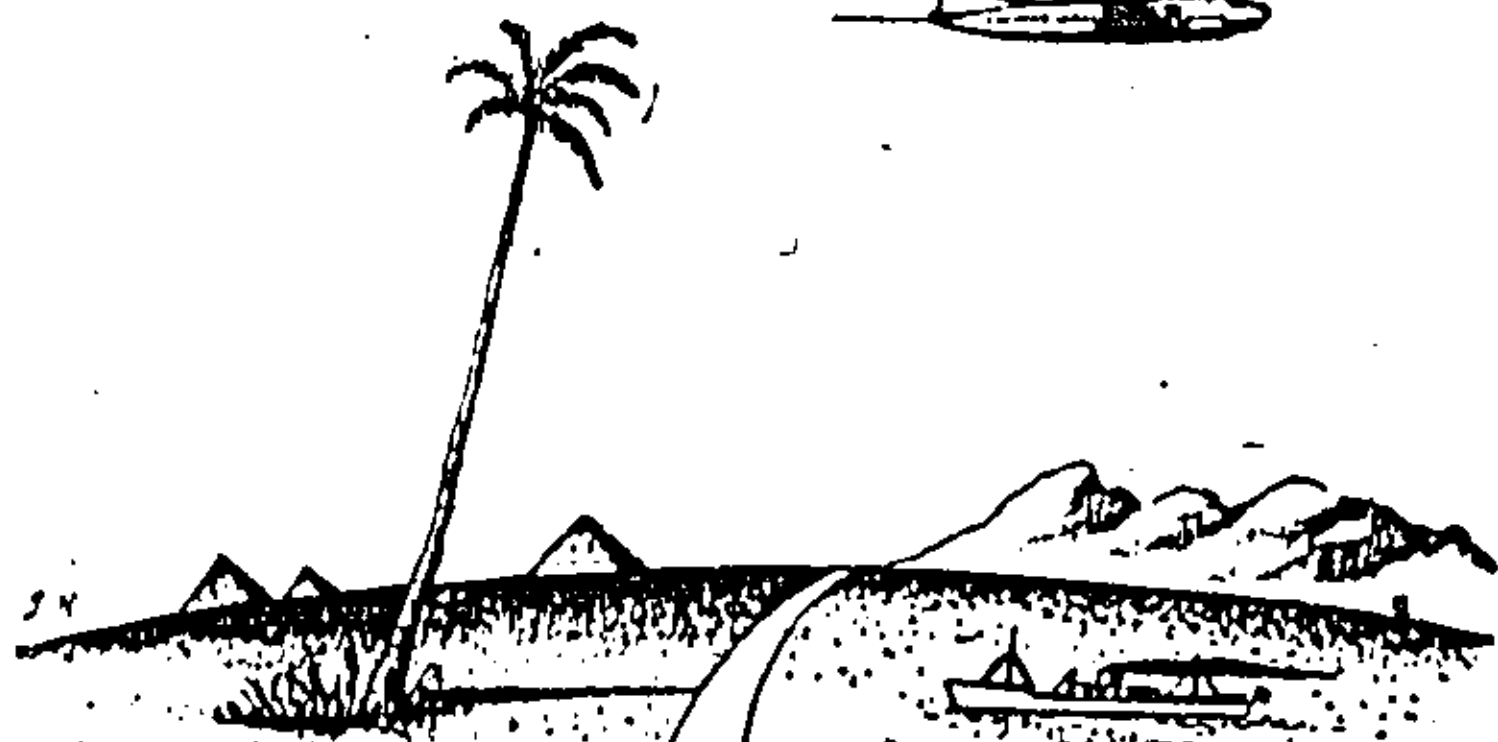
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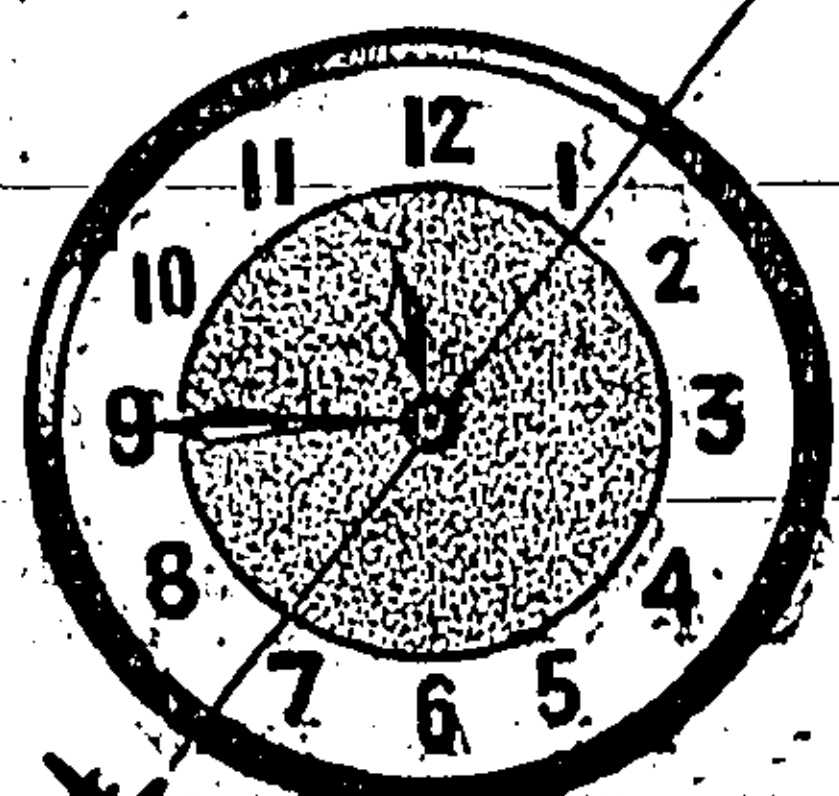
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# CARDS ON THE TABLE

## Mr. Bevin's Attitude On The Soviet Move

### Danger Of Terrible Disappointment

London, May 12.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, declared that unless the ground could be cleared first, a conference with Russia "is going to land us exactly where we were after the four-power conference" (the reference was to the last Council of Foreign Ministers which broke up in London on December 15 last year). Mr. Bevin said: "If a conference was held and broke down, it would cause such a terrible disappointment in the world."

"I still believe the ground can be cleared by a diplomatic approach, an exchange of views, and trying to understand what it is that everyone is trying to get."

There would have to be a good deal of "putting the cards on the table face upwards" before Britain entered into another conference.

He was not aware of the negotiations between Russia and the United States until he heard the Moscow Radio announcement of Russia's agreement to discuss differences with the United States, but he had been fully informed on the matter by the American Government.

Emphasising his anxiety for peace, Mr. Bevin declared:

"But I cannot get peace in the world if I have to ask the Western powers and the powers in other parts of the world to sacrifice their principles and their spiritual beliefs in order to fit in with something with which they do not agree."

### Too Many Failures

Mr. Bevin said: "I want to be quite frank—I am not anxious to enter into a further conference until the ground has been cleared. I have had too many failures. A good deal of preparatory work has to be done."

Mr. Bevin protested that the clearing of ground for an understanding was almost impossible when Moscow Radio, against diplomatic usage, announced a reply to the United States Government before the latter had received it.

"I would like to remind the House," he said, "that the Government always has been and remains anxious for a general solution on a world-wide basis, if that is possible."

"In view of the reference to the European recovery programme and to the five-power treaty by the Soviet Government, I wish to make it clear that nothing that has happened could affect the development and execution of these policies, which are not directed against anyone but at the legitimate development, necessary alike, for our own and for European prosperity and security."

### "All I Want"

Mr. Bevin added: "The evidence all goes to show that the people of the world want peace. If the people are allowed to meet, they can have peace. It is only the Communists who stand in the way. I am anxious for peace—peace for a settlement with Soviet Russia. I want to clear the ground of misunderstanding."

Declaring it was not Britain who had been holding up peace, Mr. Bevin concluded: "All I want is peace. All I want is peace, emphasis," he added dramatically.

Asked by Communist William Gallacher, "Cannot you act independently of the U.S. and put a few cards on the table and then invite the Soviet to put their cards?" the Foreign Secretary replied:

"Why should I put all my cards down and the Soviet only two or three? I do not understand that."

—Reuter and Associated Press.

## How To Fight In Far East

London, May 12. Britain's fighting services are to study how to fight a war in the Far East when they meet on "Exercise Bamboo" at the Camberley Staff College in Surrey from May 24 to May 28.

General Sir Montagu Stopford, who commanded the 12th Army during the Burma Campaign, is preparing the exercise in collaboration with the Navy and the Air Force.

This third annual exercise, ordered by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, follows a flight of six Lincoln bombers from England to Singapore last month to demonstrate how a British striking force can be provided at short notice on the other side of the world.—Reuter.

## Pakistan And Australia

Sydney, May 12.

Negotiations for a trade pact between Australia and Pakistan are proceeding, but still appear to have some way to go.

The Pakistan Trade Commissioner in Australia, Mr. R. H. Rahman, commenting on a Sydney Morning Herald report from New Delhi that a trade pact was about to be effected, said negotiations were going on, but he knew nothing of an impending pact.

Officials of the Australian Commerce Department in Canberra said a pact was possible in a few months as the outcome of the recent Geneva tariff agreement between Australia, India and Pakistan.

The Department's latest bulletin stated: "When private negotiations were resumed, the present tariff might give way to a comprehensive agreement on the most favoured nation principle.—Reuter."

## Disease Conquest To Aid Trade

Washington, May 13.

The conquest of tropical diseases would stimulate world trade, meet the fundamental needs of the people of the world, and was one of the most important requirements of the present world situation, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, said today.

Mr. Marshall was speaking at the opening session of a 10-day meeting of the Congress on Medical Medicine and Malnutrition at which 2,000 doctors have gathered from 41 nations.

He said the meetings were "convincing evidence that our world is not a conglomeration of geographic entities, but a vast neighbourhood of peoples."

Mr. Marshall said the tropical regions held the key to overcoming weakness and inefficiency from disease and to increasing foodstuff production on low-lying lands.

He termed these two "tremendously important requirements of the world situation."

He added: "The tropics are the habitation of perhaps half the human race, but a large portion of these people lack modern civilization. A chief factor in restricting improvement in these respects is tropical disease."

## CASUALTY FIGURES IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, May 12.

An Army spokesman said today that 318 British subjects were killed in Palestine between July 1947 and one week ago.

He estimated other casualties between October 1947 and May 5, 1948 so far as authorities knew as 1,400 Arabs and 1,100 Jews.

The British casualties were broken down as follows: Armed forces—283; Police—77; and other civilians—28.—Associated Press.

### PAPER BANNED

Berlin, May 12. The British authorities in Germany have banned the circulation in the British Zone of "Neue Zeit", the German-language version of the Moscow paper, "New Times."

It was banned because of "unpleasant and consistent violations" of a Control Commission directive forbidding attacks on the Allies in the German press.—Reuter.

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## House Of Lords Reform

## ATTLEE WILL NOT TRY AGAIN

London, May 12.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today ruled out the possibility of an immediate agreement between the Labour Government and the Conservative Opposition on reform of the House of Lords.

A great deal of time had already been spent in seeking an agreement between the two parties, he told the House of Commons. But there had been failure and he did not think it would be useful to reopen the discussions at the present moment.

The discussions between the two parties followed the Government's announcement that it would reform the Upper Chamber to admit elected Members, to limit the hereditary principle and cut the period during which the House of Lords may hold up legislation passed by the House of Commons.

The talks broke down after a deadlock over the latter point. Widespread regret was expressed in the press and in political quarters that the discussions have ended unsuccessfully after so much had been agreed.—Reuter.

## Crowd Jeers Film

New York, May 13.

Mounted policemen and burly officers on foot last night held back a jeering crowd of over 4,000 persons who congregated at RKO Theatre where the anti-Communist picture "The Iron Curtain" opened today.

Part of the crowd was avowed Communists who came to picket the theatre in protest against the film. Others were members of the Catholic War Veterans who were on hand to protest the presence of Leftwing pickets.

Some fist fights broke out as the crowd milled about in front of the theatre but there was no report of serious injuries. The police, estimated to number about 50, repulsed efforts of half a dozen persons to break into the theatre. Spearheaded by mounted officers, the police sought to keep the crowd moving away from the building and nearby side streets.—United Press.

## FORMAL OFFER TO RESIGN

Rome, May 12.

Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Christian Democrat Prime Minister, handed the formal resignation of his Government to Italy's new President, 75-year-old Signor Luigi Einaudi, tonight.

The President refused to accept the resignation, a Government communiqué announced. Earlier, Signor Einaudi had taken the oath of office in the Italian Parliament as President of the Republic.—Reuter.

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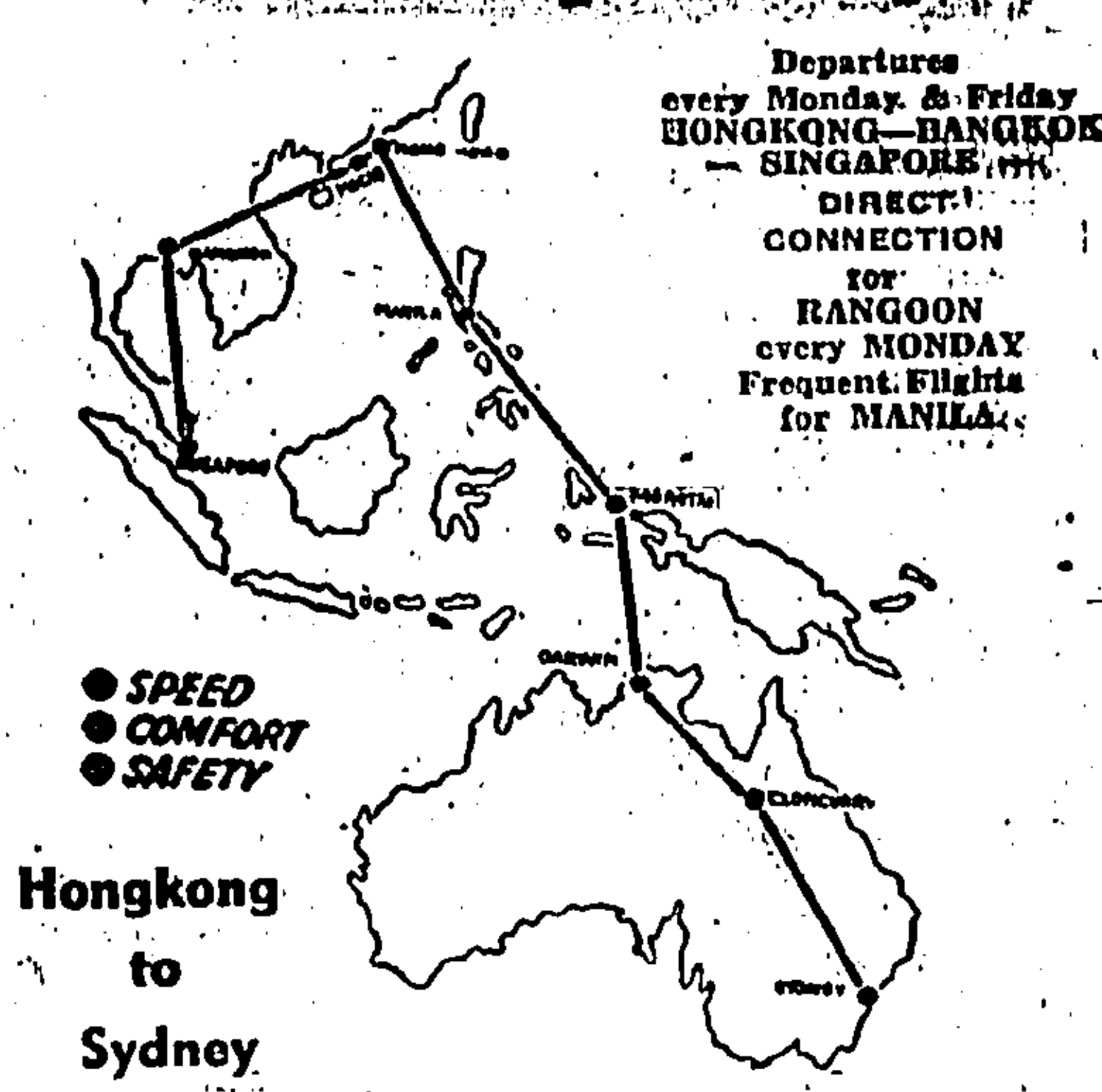
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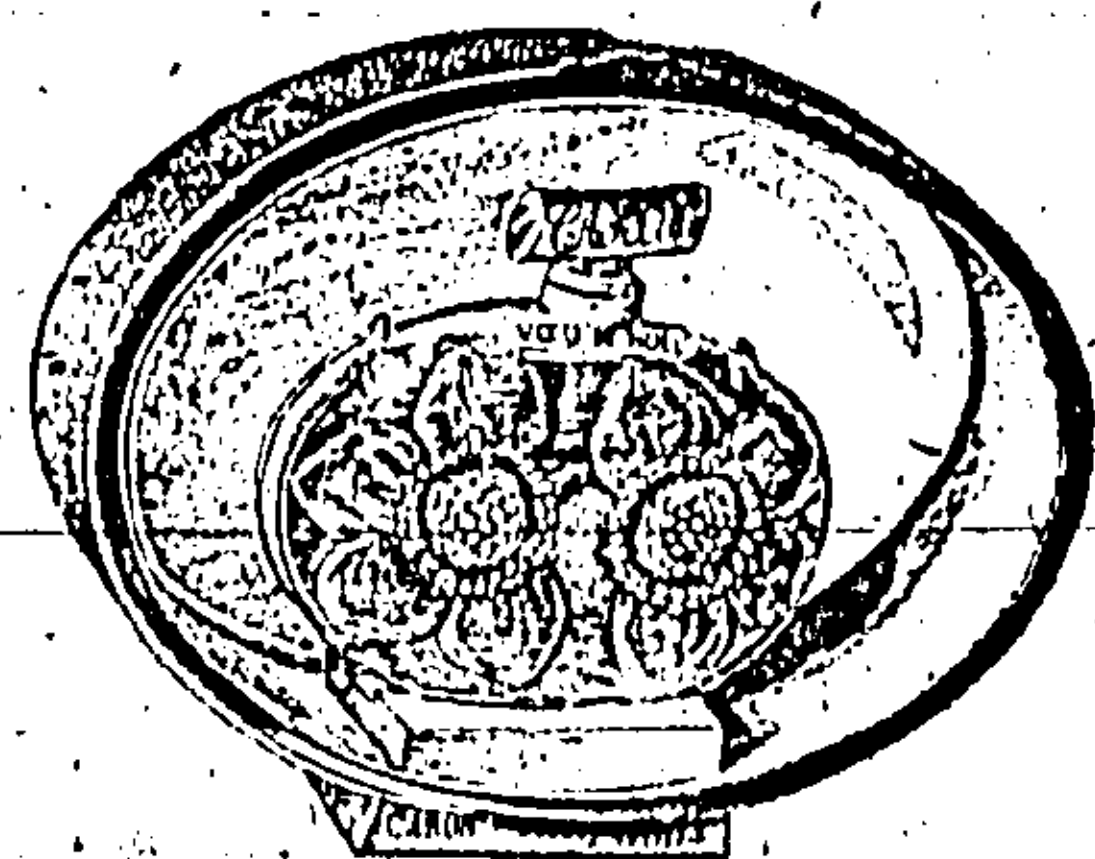


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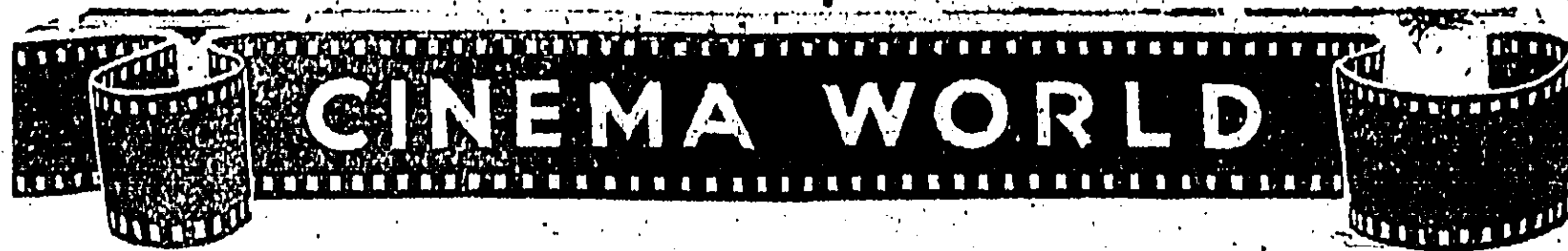
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## HE ADDED TO THE GAIETY OF NATIONS

Here is a profile, by a Hollywood reporter, of a German film-maker who became a Hollywood celebrity, whose films set the whole world laughing at itself—Ernst Lubitsch.

There will be no more of those delightful, sophisticated comedies Ernst Lubitsch made for the infant German and American film.

On the other hand, I wonder if anyone ever made so many pictures which could be seen by millions of families, and yet were never an insult to any mature intelligence?

As he grew older, some of the impishness went out of Lubitsch, and he yielded to American family-lion without ever losing his freshness or spontaneity. His musings with Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald and others are still artistically the best types of the musical film Hollywood has made.

They had what is meant by "the Lubitsch touch" in the motion picture, which is not merely physical motion, although in his case it was accompanied by that. There was a sort of swinging, lulling joyousness in the mere fact of living to the almost bewildering delight of the motion picture fraternity, which loved him as perhaps it has loved no other worker in his field.

It was never possible to talk with him without feeling as if you were smiling inwardly, deeply, and perhaps even a little impudently at some good and probably important joke on your betters, whoever they may have been.

Lubitsch's eyes, which were dark, under that dark look of hair which fell over his forehead, were very searching eyes indeed; and you were pretty sure, by the time you had been with him a few minutes, that he understood you a good deal better than you understood him, although there was no particular complexity about him, beyond his intensity. He talked little, unless he was riding a subject of real interest to himself, when he could be eloquent, even with an accent.

### Spook Specialist

His spoofing of the German military caste—of all military castes—and of the middle-European nobility, and his love of peasant robustness, peasant humor, and peasant love, could have been synthetic, for he was born in Berlin and educated there. But they came upon the American film scene with extraordinary freshness and vivacity.

Such pictures as "Ninotchka," in which he spoofed the Communists with the best humor in the world, and "The Patriot," in which he put Emil Jannings through the excruciating madness of Emperor-folly, showed that bigger things were not beyond him. In fact, there was a more passionate pilgrim in him somewhere, which, while it had a hard time getting out through his cloak of humor, was not without the fire and ice of genuine feeling. I suppose his humor was a genuine German theatrical

heritage, for he was very active in the German film before he came to America.

### "The Lubitsch Touch"

He lived in a world of film. In the departmentalized Hollywood of today, where directors, writers, and producers are often merely clerks carrying out the orders of banks and financial houses, his intense love of film making seemed almost animalistic.

The springs of his being were the laughter and tears of very human people; and these somehow do not emerge easily from departmentalizing.

His later work lost none of the sparkle which made his talent known throughout the film world as the "Lubitsch touch." I have never ceased to marvel at the manner in which he could literally mold the faces of actors—although it was more than that, for he seemed actually to change their character.

Like most directors who have been actors themselves, his appreciation of the actors in his films never degenerated into that assumed superiority to the actor affected by lesser craftsmen.

Many were the "stars" who "revolved" from the mere fact of having worked in a picture with him.

He was exceedingly modest about all this, and never indulged in the personal publicity many



"I MUST GO NOW," Vronsky (Kieron Moore) leaves Anna (Vivien Leigh) and her brother Stepan (Hugh Dempster), to take part in a steppichase. A scene from the much-talked-about "Anna Karenina," which will be shown next week in Hong Kong.

Hollywood people use to claim the slightest prestige for accomplishment.

It is difficult to say if he has left true disciples. There is more than a touch of his manner in the work of Henry Blake, who was so long his assistant and has produced some memorable films. Perhaps the whole film world is his real heir. He gave it joyance, and liveliness, and often point.

One could think that not alone Hollywood and the film makers would miss him. He added merrily, for a while at least, and when it was reasonably possible, to the gaiety of nations.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

"SLAVE GIRL" (King's). Stars: Yvonne De Carlo, George Brent.

Story: In the early 1880's, Play-boy Matt Claiborne (George Brent) is sent by the U.S. Government to Tripoli to ransom some American seamen who have been caught by the Pasha. Through the wiles of dancer Francesca (Yvonne De Carlo) Matt loses the gold intended to be used as ransom money and is thrown into prison himself. There he joins up with the American seamen, led by Ben (Andy Devine). They escape eventually, and Francesca helps them to get out of the country by setting the Pasha and the Pasha's brother (her idol, who had developed feet of clay) at each others' throats. Dancing girls, long curved sabres, and Yvonne De Carlo abound. (Universal-Int.)

"THE GREAT MR. NOBODY" (Leo).

Stars: Eddie Albert, Joan Leslie. Story: Not much. "Dreamy" Smith (Eddie Albert), newspaper advertising salesman, loves Mary Clover (Joan Leslie). His golden heart gets him into trouble when he invites the family of a crippled newsboy to come and share his flat. Fired by his boss, "Dreamy" later dives in to save him when the boss plows into the bay, is in turn rescued by the boss and presented with a medal for bravery.

### Current Shows

QUEEN'S. — "Three Daring Daughters": Love 'n' laughter, with Jeanette MacDonald and Jose Turbi (M-G-M).

KING'S. — "Fun and Fancy Free": Walt Disney's latest full-length musical cartoon. (R.K.O.)

LEE. — "Deception": Bette Davis and Paul Henreid in a gripping drama. (Warners).

ALHAMBRA. — "Three Daring Daughters" (M-G-M).



"SLAVE GIRL": Yvonne De Carlo, dressed as captured American seaman in the Universal-Int. release, "Slave Girl."

## 'Free Trade' In Films

Optimistic regarding the future of international trade relations in the motion picture field, Jack L. Warner, production head of Warner Bros. Pictures, returned recently to Los Angeles after more than two months spent in surveying conditions, and concluding arrangements, for his company in England and on the continent.

"A new British-American film trade agreement will be made this spring," said Warner, "and in spite of some restrictive quotas on Hollywood products, I am satisfied that the real future of all international film relations—no longer with England—is in the hands of the hundreds of millions of theater-goers themselves. Entertainment cannot be created by legislation. It can be excluded or curtailed by quotas, license requirements and other controls, but only with consequent loss to both sides."

### "Artificial Barriers"

"It is futile for two great nations to set up artificial barriers against the free interchange of creative art and constructive films, which can work important for better international understanding and the strengthening of world commerce. The only basis for consideration should be quality. If a picture is good, there is room for it everywhere. If it is bad, no amount of protective action can make it acceptable to entertainment seekers in its own or any other country."

In London, Warner backed his convictions by setting up arrangements with Associated British Pictures Corp., for the production there of at least six top-bracket pictures using Warner Bros. players, directors and producers, as needed. These films will be distributed in America and foreign countries exactly as are Warner features made in their Hollywood studios.

Once this programme is successfully established, he added, Warner Bros. will withdraw from the production field in England.

### STAR THEATRE

"SINCE YOU WENT AWAY" "Since You Went Away" will be showing at the Star Theatre this week, and owing to the length of the film (over three hours), readers are asked to check performance times with the advertisements in the daily press.

## Around the British studios...

Playing the part of Prince Charles' sweetheart, Clementina Walkinshaw, in "Bonnie Prince Charlie" at Shepperton, vivacious Judy Campbell wears the appropriate clothes of 1745. And these full-skirted, pannier dresses mean she has first to be severely confined in whalebone corsets. After the first day's work Judy's legs were black and blue; but when she displayed her bruises to the designer, expecting sympathy, to her disgust the dressmaker was delighted.

"The bruises are in just the right places," she exclaimed gleefully. "All the ladies of that period are reported to have them. Now nobody can say these gowns are not absolutely authentic."

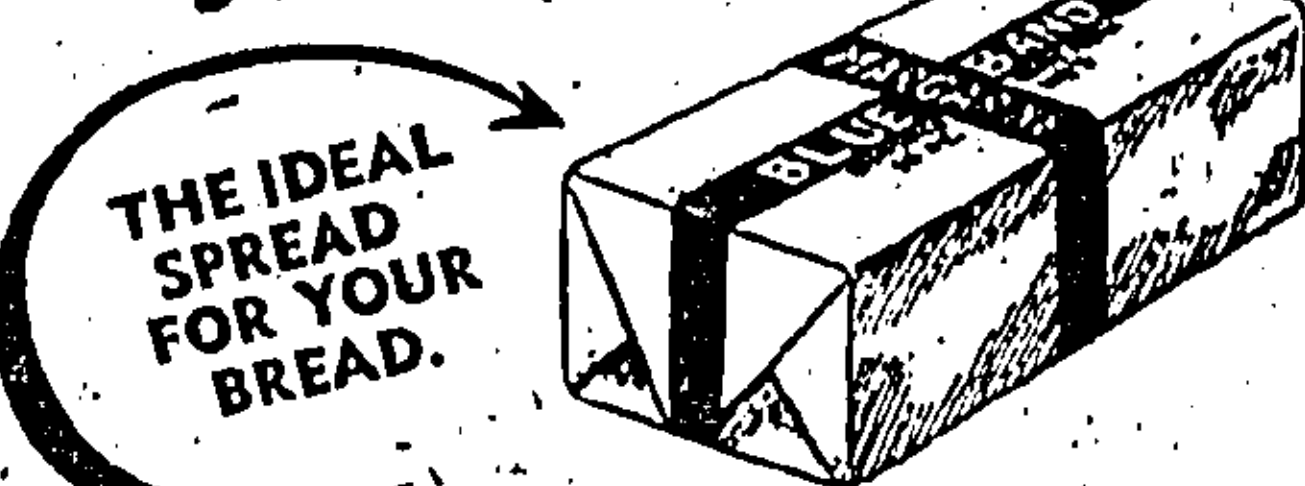
Actresses playing modern roles can fortunately achieve the fashionable new "nipped-in" look without resorting to tight lacing. Optical illusion, and wide belts of elastic webbing provide much discomfort. Zena Marshall wears one in her current picture, "Snowbound" and "Mistaken Identity," the latter an unusual comedy about a doctor who hooks a mermaid while he is out fishing and brings her home to his London house.

### THE VANISHED CAR

Fine character acting is going into "London—Belongs To Me," the screen production from Colson's novel. But more amusing incidents happen on the set than in the film. Fay Compton, who has a grand part as Mrs. Jossar, a typical suburban housewife, arrived at Pinewood Studios the other morning and left her car parked in an open space. When he went for the car at night it had disappeared. The carpenters, apparently in a fit of aberration, had built a square of plywood "houses" round it in the meantime, questioning "Why did they thought the car had been specially placed there to provide a touch of realism?"

A redhead, Hazel Court, has always secretly cherished an ambition to play Julia. So she was immensely excited when told that in her present film, "High Pavement," her part as telegrapher Forsythe, an actress in a small repertory company, included a theatre scene when "Romeo and Juliet" was in progress on the stage. Hazel spent all the week-end intensely studying Shakespeare. When she arrived on the set she discovered the chosen scene was the final tragedy. All Juliet had to do was to lip mute and gull on her deathbed.

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# AMERICA REJECTS OVERTURE

## No Bilateral Negotiations With Soviet Russia

### Cannot Afford A Failure, Declares Marshall

Washington, May 12.

Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, tonight rejected the idea of a bilateral conference between the United States and Russia—less than 48 hours after Moscow had announced its willingness to enter into such a conference.

Mr. Marshall, who was speaking at his weekly press conference, said the only way to proceed with a settlement was to tackle outstanding issues in the bodies already set up to deal with them, such as the United Nations Security Council and the Allied Control Commission in Berlin.

"This Government has no intention of entering into bilateral negotiations with the Soviet Government on matters relating to the interests of other governments," he declared in a specially prepared statement.

There was a danger of failure in a new conference and "that would do the world great harm."

To a crowded news conference, Mr. Marshall declared in a firm voice: "What we want is action in the fields where action is possible and urgently necessary at the present time."

"I refer to the matters before the Security Council and other United Nations bodies, such as the situation in Korea, the questions before the Allied Control Council in Berlin, and the Austrian treaty negotiations, where the utmost difficulties have arisen and the difficulties generally result."

Mr. Marshall said that when General Walter Bedell Smith, United States Ambassador in Moscow, saw M. Molotov on May 3, he did not ask for any general discussion or negotiations.

"We have had long and bitter experience with such efforts," Mr. Marshall commented.

**Definite Purpose**

The original purpose of General Smith's interview with M. Molotov was to clarify the United States policy in the minds of the Soviet Government in relation to many other unofficial United States speeches that have been made on the subject lately.

"With regard to General Bedell Smith's confidential interview with M. Molotov, this was directed towards a very definite purpose," Mr. Marshall said.

"There has been in this country a confusion of publicity and of statements or speeches relating to our actions and our attitude towards the Soviet Union."

"The number of such statements would probably increase as the political campaign becomes intensified. It was therefore felt to be highly important to distinguish in the minds of the Soviet Government between such statements and the definite policy of this Government which remains unchanged."

"Since our basic purpose was to reaffirm the formal position of this Government from the mass of unofficial statements, our responsibility was to make clear the position of the United States Government, and of the United States alone."

**Action Wanted**

"General Bedell Smith did not ask for any general discussion or negotiations. We have had a long and bitter experience with such efforts. This Government had no intention of entering into bilateral negotiations with the Soviet Government on matters relating to the interests of other Governments."

**Australian Wool For Japan**

Canberra, May 12.

Japan will be allowed to buy wool from Australia under an interim agreement announced today.

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"The discussion of any proposals in regard to outstanding issues which the Soviet Government may have had in mind, must, as a matter of course, be conducted in the body charged with responsibility for these questions."

"What we want is action in the fields where action is possible and urgently necessary at the present time. I refer to the matters before the Security Council and other United Nations bodies, such as the situation in Korea, the questions before the Allied Control Council in Berlin, and the Austrian treaty negotiations, where the utmost of difficulties have arisen and the difficulties generally result."

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# Sombre Reception

## In London

London, May 12.

London gave a sombre reception to tonight's rejection by Mr. Marshall, the American Secretary of State, of the possibility of bilateral discussions with the Soviet Union.

Any satisfaction that there is no question of a Soviet-American settlement over the heads of other interested parties is marred by the recognition that the deadlock, now apparent between the world's two great powers in Germany, Austria, Greece and Korea, will have been deepened by the abortive move to hold a conference.

There is no disposition in London to take an optimistic view of the possibility that differences with the Soviet Government are likely to be solved through the Security Council or the Berlin Control Council.

There was, however, some relief in diplomatic quarters here tonight that there is now no danger that the work in the six-power London Conference on Germany will be held up by Soviet-American conversations over the whole field of foreign policy. Reuters diplomatic correspondent writes that Mr. Bevin's statement confirmed the belief here that no conference between the United States and Russia would take place, and that the possibility of holding such a conference had been ruled out by the tactics of the Soviet Government itself.

His speech indicated that any official misunderstanding in London of the United States approach to Russia had now been dispelled. It had been replaced by a firm conviction that a conference of the type implicitly proposed by the Soviet Government would be inadmissible.

The essential feature of the statement was felt in political circles to be Mr. Bevin's insistence that the European recovery programme and the Western Union were fixed points in the foreign policy of the Western powers and that no discussions which call these in question would be acceptable.—Reuter.

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NEWBANG (B. & S.) for Singapore.

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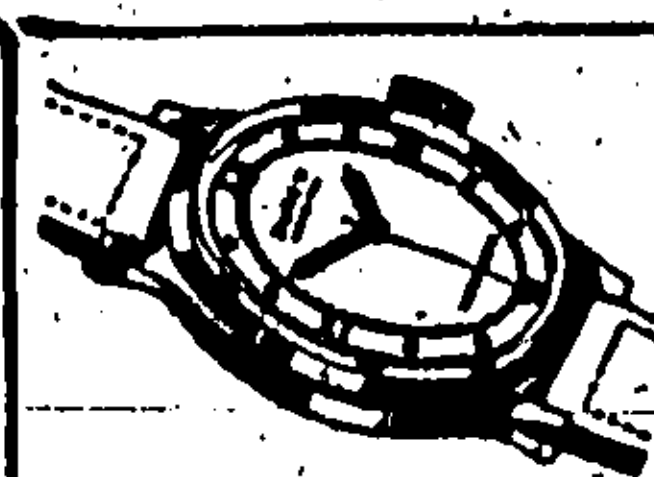
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### America Rejects Overture

(Continued from Page 3)

"That would do the world great harm. We cannot afford a continuation of such failures. What we must have is a successful action where such action is now sorely needed."

To an immediate barrage of questions, Mr. Marshall said he had "nothing in mind on further communications to M. Molotov at the present time."

Underlining the meaning of his prepared statement, he insisted that there must be specific proposals and not just general discussions. "These discussions must have a practical possibility of success," he said.

To another question, he agreed that the initiative in the matter now was largely up to the Soviet Government. There were a number of fields open at the present time, he continued, where important work could be done to the benefit of the world.

He asserted that fundamentally M. Molotov's reply to General Bedell Smith's original statement did not reveal, in his opinion, any change of view.

### Very Important

He then drew the attention of journalists especially to a passage in M. Molotov's statement in which the Soviet Foreign Minister said: "The Soviet Government can only welcome this statement of the United States Government, for, as is known, it has always pursued a policy of peace and cooperation towards the United States, which always met with the unanimous approval and support of the peoples of the USSR."

"The USSR declares that it intends also in the future to pursue this policy with complete consistency," Mr. Marshall commented. "That is a very important statement. I am sure the world will watch with interest to see with what consistency this policy is pursued. Returning to the reasons for initiating the original approach to M. Molotov, the Secretary of State said that the need of re-stating United States policy to the Russian Government was considered important because 'sometimes you believe your own propaganda if it goes on long enough.'"

Mr. Marshall regretted that Russia had broken confidence in releasing details of the diplomatic exchanges.

"We assumed that they were confidential discussions," he told his press conference. "We re-

### Fast Scoring At Cambridge

Cambridge, May 12.

After dismissing the Cambridge University team for 167 runs in their match here today, the Australian tourists scored 184 runs for one wicket at the close of play.

The Cambridge innings lasted for a total of three and a half hours. Keith Miller did most of the damage, taking five wickets for just over nine runs apiece. He bowled fast, with one brief spell of slower off-breaks.

When play resumed after lunch, the total slowly rose to 98 before Elgood, playing a purely defensive stroke, was bowled off-stump by Miller.

Bailey and Insole, both of whom played for Essex, next up the 100 in two hours and 20 minutes, and when the spinners Toshack and McCool took the ball, the scoring rate increased slightly.

Insole made some good leg side strokes and in 35 minutes the sixth wicket had reached 33 runs when Bailey, hesitating over a second run, was run out.

Lindwall took the new ball at 133 and ran the over yielded eight runs, but at 150, he got Insole taken at second slip. Miller then finished off the innings with an inspired spell, claiming three wickets in ten deliveries, while conceding only three singles.

The University had given an uneven display of batting. Brown and Morris gave the Australians a fine send-off, scoring 64 runs in 35 minutes but then Morris put up a catch to short leg. When Hamence joined Brown, the scoring rate dropped for a time and it took Brown 85 minutes to reach 50, his first half century of the tour.

Then the rate improved and Hamence reached his 50 after battling for 75 minutes. The stand reached three figures and the Australians were in front in just over two hours. When stumps were drawn the Australians were 17 runs ahead and the second wicket had put on 120 runs in 100 minutes.

### YESTERDAY'S PLAY

Cambridge, May 13.

The Australian cricket tourists at lunch time today had made 353 runs for three wickets. Bill Brown, the opening bat, had completed his first century of the tour and by the interval was well on the way to his second.

Brown and Hamence drove and hit to leg skilfully and runs came readily. Hamence seemed assured of his first century in England, when, attempting a drive he nicked a catch to the wicket-keeper at 240.

He gave a polished display, scoring 92, including one five and nine fours out of 178 realised by the second wicket in two and a half hours.

gret the development because a diplomatic exchange is the sole remaining aid in which controversies can be dealt with without being influenced by advance public reaction."

Mr. Marshall stressed that while Moscow Radio had published all of M. Molotov's remarks, it had only given a slight reference to the statement of General Bedell Smith.—Reuter.

### SMUTS PLAN FOR NEW BLOC

Johannesburg, May 13.

Marshal Jan Smuts today held out hope of forming a third "great super-group" of nations linking Europe with the British Commonwealth.

"It might be possible for human statesmanship to establish a close link and association between the British Commonwealth of Nations and Europe and lead to the establishment of another great super-group," he said.

"You will then have, between the two great powers in the East and West, a power greater perhaps than either, larger in population and resources, bigger in experience, with human genius at the heart of it, with all the broadness of a civilisation which has been developed in Western Europe in that one group."

The present world pattern of two powerful states facing each other across "a barren, almost desolate Europe," was very dangerous for the world and the future of mankind, he added.

Speaking at a Rotary Club lunch here, four days before Britain's due to give up the Palestine mandate.

"My feeling has always been for a National Home for the Jewish people," he said.

"I regard it as almost an historical necessity. Today, the Jewish State is in the process of being built up in Palestine, and I wish it success."

"My innermost sympathy is with the Jews. In the problem of Palestine, there is tragedy at our door."

"A power is on the move, and Palestine lies on that road." General Smuts said a new phenomenon today was the advent of "total politics" and "total statesmanship" and even attempts to solve the world's problems have led to new problems.

"The United Nations itself is becoming a problem," he declared.—Reuter.

### MANCHESTER CUP

London, May 12.

The final acceptance, with weights, for the Manchester Cup, to be run over a mile and a half on Saturday, May 22, were announced today as follows:

Signalman 8 st. 13 lbs. Turkaris 8.0, Diesel 8.6, Smed 8.5, Standerton 8.4, Boy Blue 8.4, Sturt 8.3, Philadelphia 8.1, Refresher 8.—Reuter.

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**Australia**

**1st INNINGS**

	O	M	R	W
Morris, c. Pearce, b. Mills	28			
Brown, not out	180			
Hamence, c. Insole, b. Griffiths	92			
Li Su-wing, A. F. Ferreira, A. J. Coelho and J. Pau (skip)	16			
Hasegami, not out	28			
Extras	13			

**Bowls Teams**

Craigswater Cricket Club will meet Club de Recreio and Kowloon Dock Recreation Club in friendly bowls games this week-end.

The following players will represent C.C.C. against Recreio tomorrow at 4 p.m.:

Li Su-wing, A. F. Ferreira, A. J. Coelho and J. Pau (skip); G. Hong Choy, S. Ramchand, A.H. Rumlann and H. W. Randall (skip); P. J. Billimoria, F. Lee, J. H. Xavier and S. H. Marvin (skip); B. S. Chow, G. Souza, C. V. Lam and M. J. Medina (skip); Reserves: S. A. R. Bux and R. O. Baker.

In their Sunday game (at home) against Kowloon Dock, C.C.C. will be represented by: A. A. Razack, J. H. Xavier, K. M. Omar and U.M. Omar (skip); L. C. R. Souza and A. E. Coates (skip); A. J. Coelho, S. H. Marvin, H. W. Randall and M. J. Medina (skip); A. H. Rumlann, John Pau, W. Siling and A. M. Omar (skip); Reserves: F. Lee and G. Souza.

### FILIPINO CLUB BOWLS

Weather permitting, the bowling green of the Filipino Club, King's Park, will be opened for practice tomorrow.

On Sunday, a Wappinshaw Competition will be held at 3.30 p.m.

### K.C.C. TENNIS

Weather permitting, a practice for members of the Kowloon Cricket Club Intending to participate in the Tennis League will be held on the K.C.C. grass courts on Sunday at 8 p.m.

All members interested in representing the Club in the League are requested to turn out. Selections for representative teams will be made after the practice.

For details of the League, intending to participate in the Mix Doubles and Women's Doubles will be held later.

### London, May 12.

Shakespeare's folios and the first dated bible will be among the 100 literary treasures to be sold by Sotheby's on July 12 and 13.—Reuter.

### A Heavy Champion

Bloomington, Michigan, May 12.

Joe Louis, whose weight has been the subject of much discussion by boxing writers, expects to scale 15 stone 6 pounds—his heaviest fighting weight ever—when he defends his world-heavyweight title in the return contest with Joe Walcott on June 23.

Louis, who will go into training at Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, on Monday next, announced today that he weighed 15 stone 12 pounds. Louis will celebrate his 34th birthday tomorrow.—Reuter.

### Jan Smuts Backs The Jews

Johannesburg, May 13.

Marshal Jan Smuts, the South African Premier, today wished "every success" to the Jewish States in Palestine in a speech at a Rotary Club lunch here, four days before Britain's due to give up the Palestine mandate.

"My feeling has always been for a National Home for the Jewish people," he said.

"I regard it as almost an historical necessity. Today, the Jewish State is in the process of being built up in Palestine, and I wish it success."

"My innermost sympathy is with the Jews. In the problem of Palestine, there is tragedy at our door."

"A power is on the move, and Palestine lies on that road." General Smuts said a new phenomenon today was the advent of "total politics" and "total statesmanship" and even attempts to solve the world's problems have led to new problems.

"The United Nations itself is becoming a problem," he declared.—Reuter.

### NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

## HONG KONG MERMAID TWICE LOWERS MARK HUANG SISTERS' TWO VICTORIES

Shanghai, May 13.

Pratt 15-year-old Miss Huang Wan-tong of Hong Kong, who set up a new National record of 35.9 seconds in winning the 50 metres free-style yesterday, became the undisputed short-distance free-style swimming champion of China when she scored a convincing victory in the 100 metres free-style at today's National Athletic Meet.

She bettered the old national record of one minute and 23 minutes for this event twice today within a few hours.

After winning the heats this morning in one minute and 22.9 seconds, she clipped off another 2.3 seconds this afternoon in the final, which she won in one minute and 20.6 seconds amid deafening cheers from the large crowd.

Malaya's Lim Teing-siang was second and Siam's Chang Lao third.

Another overseas aquatic star, Indonesia's Wu Chuan-yu, also smashed a National record twice—in the 100 metres free-style. He won the heat in 53.5 seconds to better the old record of 56 seconds and the semi-final in 53.3 seconds.

The second semi-final in this event was also won by an Indonesian, Wong Ping-hel in 58 seconds, equalling the record, with Philippines' Chuan Mel-tao, who broke the record in the morning heat with 55.8 seconds, third.

### Another H.K. Triumph

Hong Kong's Huang Wei-tung, younger sister of record-breaker Huang Wan-tong, won the final 400 metres breast-stroke in three minutes and 43.5 seconds, after leading all the way. She finished five metres ahead of her fellow team-mates Wong Yuk-tin and Loo Tuck-chen, second and third respectively.

Although plunging fast into the water, Malaysia's Chen Shuan-mel returned in the 200 metres breast-stroke final by two metres in three minutes and 49 seconds from Hong Kong's Wong Teak-yung and Philippines' Liu Ying-chien.

In the remaining final of the day, Indonesia's Yu Shun-yuan won the 60 metres free style final in 28 seconds flat to equal the N.A.M. record. He got home ahead of his team-mate, Wu Chuan-yu by a touch.

Eighty-thousand spectators saw Hong Kong advance in the soccer tournament by defeating the Chinese Army (represented by the Shanghai champions, Taining) by 2-0 in a rough game. Both goals were scored in the second half by the inside-left, Tang Yee-kit.

### Player Sent Off

Towards the end, the Army player, Chang Kam-hoi, well-known in Hong Kong, was sent off the field for deliberately kicking Kowloon's Hing-cheuk, who was unable to continue, while soon afterwards, Tsun Sin-king was carried out by Boy Scouts because of a leg injury.

It is understood that the Army is claiming the game on a technicality, on the ground that Lau Fook-chien re-entered the game in the second half to replace one of the injured players after having left the field in the first half. In the other scheduled game, Shanghai failed to appear and

## Historical Hong Kong Gaol Tower

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During the bombardment of Hong Kong before the occupation, one wing of the Chapel received a direct hit from a bomb, but its massive stone walls withstood the blast and only superficial markings remain to show the effect of the explosive. The many iron bars which form the doors to its corridors, cells and round Tower are also as good today as when they were fitted together, and will, incidentally, be used in the new building which is to stand on the same ground.

Work on the demolition of the 60-foot Tower began four days ago, and when it is completed, construction will begin on a new section of the Remand Prison. When this is finished, in place of the fortress-like building will stand a modern assembly hall for prisoners with dining room and recreational hall.

It is of interest at this stage to mention a few facts concerning British Penal Reform. Just 93 years before the building of the Old Tower prison in Hong Kong an Act of Parliament marked the turning point in the history of our prison system. The ownership and control of all prisons was transferred from the municipal authorities to the State. A Prison Commission was formed, closely connected with the Home Office, which—body—still retains full responsibility for the administration of all prisons in England and Wales. The prisoner's cell, in the average English prison today, measures 13 ft. by 7 ft. and is 8 ft. high.

The walls are of lime-white-ened brickwork above a coloured dado. The floor is wood or stone. The window is opposite the door, high up in the outer wall and a sliding panel admits fresh air. All cells are centrally heated in winter, and an attempt is made to maintain a standard temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit throughout the building. The cell contains a plank bed with bedding and mattress and the furniture includes a wooden washstand, a standard lamp, a cupboard with enamel utensils and two wooden shelves. Between the main hall of the prison are the recreation grounds, the laundry and the kitchen. There is also a Protestant Church, an over prison, and in the larger establishments, a Roman Catholic Chapel and a Jewish Synagogue.

### BLACK TARQUIN SLIPS BACK

London, May 12.

Racing results: Newmarket today led to some repercussions in the Derby betting, with Black Tarquin, 10 to one before today's defeat now offered at 20 to one.

A bet of £5,000 to £400 was taken about Valognes, who is a stable companion of La Fontaine, a winner on the Newmarket card today.

Valognes is now a 10 to one chance with The Cobler at 6 to one and My Love, a French challenger, 100 to eight.—Reuter.

### NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

Nanking, May 13.

The National Government issued a mandate last night, appointing General Ku Chu-tung, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Army, as new Chief of Staff succeeding General Chen Cheng.

General Ku is succeeded as Army Commander-in-Chief by General Yu Han-mou, Pacification Commander of Chekiang.—Reuter.

### HOCKEY TOURNEY

Amsterdam, May 12.

France beat Denmark by two goals to zero and Austria defeated Spain by a similar margin in the consolation tournament of the International Women's Hockey Festival, which continued at Amsterdam near here today.

In the competition proper, England beat the Netherlands 2-1, and Ireland beat Scotland 3-2.—Reuter.

### First Post-War Rowing Regatta

The first post-war regatta of the Rowing section of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club will be held to-morrow and some keen competition is expected.

On the re-occupation of the Colony, it was found that the pre-war fleet of 10 boats had been destroyed, but the handful of rowing men in the Colony were determined to get the Rowing Club on its feet again. With this object in view, they negotiated with the Shanghai Rowing Club, who eventually provided Hong Kong with two fours and two pairs on loan.

Owing to lack of funds, the Club had to be satisfied with these boats until recently, when funds were raised to order two new boats from England and five sets of oars. The cars have arrived in Hong Kong but the boats have to be specially built and, in all probability, will not arrive a few months.

The Club was very fortunate last month in obtaining 10 boats from the Canton Rowing Club. These arrived in a very poor state of repair, but they are now in the process of being made seaworthy.

This handful of Members, two years ago, have now increased to some 50 keen oarsmen, and it is sincerely hoped that, as additional rowing facilities become available this number will increase.

A "boathouse" has now been built on Middle Island, where there is an annex to the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and, after this Closing Cruise Regatta, the intention is to take the rowing craft round to Middle Island where the water is smoother and is, therefore, more suitable for rowing purposes.

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## Middlesex Below Usual Form

London, May 12.

Middlesex did not play cricket like champions against Worcestershire today, even Edrich and Compton falling below their usual high standard. The excuse may have been the difficulties of the wicket following yesterday's storm, coupled with indifferent light.

Worcestershire were also over careful and Young, their opening bat, took nearly four hours to hit 45 runs. The brightest spot of the day came just before tea, when Pears scored 28 runs in 15 minutes with four consecutive hits of four, six, six and six. Sims was the bowler.

Lancashire batted all day against Warwickshire and compiled a big total for which Washbrook and Edrich were chiefly responsible by contributing centuries. It was Edrich's first century in county cricket and Washbrook's 42nd.

Yorkshire and Northamptonshire had a level day's cricket, though the match may never in Yorkshire's favour tomorrow if Hutton continues in the same confident manner as today. Steady batting and one or two useful bowling performances enabled Northamptonshire to total 233 and they may live to regret a lost opportunity as Hutton when 27 might have been stump-

ed when he over-reached while making a defensive stroke. Hutton is now unbeaten with 54 to his credit.

India's cricketer, Kardar, took the honours at Oxford, where he hit a flawless 80, including two fours and seven four during a stay of two and a quarter hours. Towards the end of the day's play the pitch was taking spin but Oxford totalled 203 before stumps were drawn and Hampshire may find it difficult to overtake that score tomorrow.

Close of play scores: At Lords: Worcestershire 187 for four. At Oxford: Oxford University 203 (Kardar 80, Pawson 54, Travers not out 62), Hampshire to bat.

At Manchester: Lancashire 393 for five (Washbrook 110, Edrich 40, E. Edrich not out 100), Warwickshire to bat. At Huddersfield: Northamptonshire 233 (Brookes 53), Yorkshire 88 for one (Hutton not out 54).—Reuter.

## SCHOOLS SOCCER FINALS TO-DAY

(By "E.D.")

Today sees the long-delayed and, indeed, twice postponed finals of the Schools' Football Leagues. The games, scheduled for 4.00 and 5.00, respectively, are both very open affairs and anyone who cares to come along will be sure of seeing two very whole-hearted matches.

The Senior league has already been won by La Salle who, in the first season of post-war School Soccer, have set up a record which will be hard to equal by going through the league fixtures unbeaten. A powerful and go ahead team, they have been very consistent and, with a strong half back line and strong, forcing forwards, have averaged four goals per game.

The final game to decide the Junior Champions will be played by Wantal A. M. School and La Salle Juniors. It is difficult to forecast this game as both teams have been champions of the respective sections and so far have not met.

**Lucky Win**  
Wantal, who have a very nice set of fast forwards, were rather lucky to beat Ellis Kadoodle P.M. school in the qualifying game as E.K.P.M., after having the lion's share of the game, lost by a penalty in the last two minutes—a penalty with which I may say, a large proportion of the spectators did not agree.

Against La Salle, who have a very strong defence, they will have to use their wingers to the full if they want their name engraved on the Lugal Cup as the first post-war winners.

Some time ago after a particularly disastrous week-end of forecasting School Football results I said I would never look in the football crystal again but in the Senior Knock Out final between Queen's College and St. Joseph's College I have a feeling that St. Joseph's may spring a surprise and defeat Queen's although in School circles the latter are hot favourites.

**Old Reputation**  
The position is rather intriguing as St. Joseph's are second to La Salle with St. Joseph's a very old third.

On paper Queen's, by virtue of their victory over La Salle in this competition, and by their possessing players like Au Chai Yim and Sin Kwok Choi, should win but I remember St. Joseph's College defeating Queen's in the League when Queen's had four Senior players in the team and St. Joseph's have an old and

### U.S. Baseball

## Phillies' Fourth Straight Win

New York, May 12. Sylvester Donnelly pitched the Phillies to their fourth straight win today, backed up by spectacular hitting by rookies John Blatnik and Richie Ashburn.

Blatnik hit a double and three singles to drive in two runs. The score was—Phillies five, Pirates zero.

Bobby Doerr's second homer in two days produced a 6-5 victory for the Red Sox over the White Sox. Doerr's homer came in the ninth with two men on base to win the game.

It was the eighth straight loss for the White Sox.

Today's scores:

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

	R	H	E
Philadelphia Phillies	5	12	2
Pittsburgh Pirates	0	8	2
Phillies, Donnelly, c. Padgett.			
Pirates, p. Bonham, Lombardi.			
Elgie, c. Klutts.			

### BRITAIN AHEAD

Oso, May 12.

Great Britain won the doubles in the European Zone Second Round Davis Cup tie with Norway, which was continued here today, and now lead by two matches to one.

In today's match, A. J. Mottram, and Henry Billington, of Britain, beat J. Haanes and J. Staabo, of Norway, 6-1, 7-5, 6-3.—Reuter.